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FAMILY OF JOHN McRAE

The John McRae who settled, reared a family and died in Jackson County, Mississippi was born in 1778 in North Carolina. McRae first went to Winchester, a village in Wayne County, Mississippi centered around a country store that was a political center rivaling Natchez. Old Winchester was near the Chickasawhay River south of the present community of Winchester.

The connection between the Chickasawhay settlements and the Gulf Coast through the Pascagoula River system is well illustrated in the life of John McRae. He was a cotton buyer and was the first to use the Pascagoula River as a means of transportation for cotton destined for ocean shipment at New Orleans. In 1819 he established a cotton depot on the west side of the Pascagoula River and employed a resident agent.

John McRae was affectionately called Father McRae by A. C. Ramsey in his autobiography, edited by Jean Strickland. During the time period of 1812 - 1817, in the Greene and Wayne Counties area, several Scotch families from North Carolina built a church and united with the Methodist Church. Ramsey related that Father John McRae was a "leading and zealous spirit in that church occupying the position of class leader."

Further noting the popularity of McRae, Ramsey said that "This old brother McRae was not only a leading man in the church, but whose kindness and hospitality was invariably extended to the needy and suffering. The people of that area honored him by electing him a member to the Convention that formed that Territory into a State."

On the thirtieth of March 1825 Jackson County Chancery Deed records show that he obtained two acres frontage on the coast from the extensive land holdings of Helen Moro (Moreau) and Elizabeth Glaude. He moved with his family from Winchester to West Pascagoula (present day Gautier) to take advantage of the warm breezes of the Mississippi Sound, said to be beneficial toward his diseased lungs. More acreage was added to this tract of land which included a large portion of land along the mouth of West Pascagoula River and the Mississippi Sound.

By the time McRae and his wife Elizabeth moved to the coast, they had nine children. He sent his children to be taught by Louis Frederic de St. Ferol in Pascagoula, where they were taught and boarded during the school session. Frederic was one of the few educated men in the area at the time and was the first schoolmaster in Pascagoula.

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After the move to the coast, four more children were born. The eleven children of John and Elizabeth McRae were:

Malcolm, born 1812, NC married Mary Ann Taylor;

Colin, born 1813 died 1871 died Belize, British Honduras;

John J., born Jan. 10, 1813 NC died also in Honduras;

Margaret, born 1816 NC died 1852, married an Osborn;

Mary Johnson, born 1818 MS, married Angus Kelly;

Charles Stuart, born 1820 MS died unmarried in California;

Elizabeth McKenzie, born 1823 MS died 1885, married Burwell Boykin;

Catherine Laura, born 1825 MS died 1902 in Mobile, married a Hempstead;

Isabella Olivia, born 1827 MS died 1868, married James Emile Armor;

James B., born MS 1830, died 1896 unmarried.

Four of these sons became prominent:

Malcolm was educated in Frederic's school in Pascagoula and in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He owned a resort hotel in Pascagoula, sent two sons to the Confederate army and was later an official in Mobile.

Colin served as a member of the legislature, both in Mississippi and Alabama; was member of the Confederate Congress and represented the Confederate government in Europe. After the war he migrated to the British Honduras as an exile, where he died in 1871.

John J., served as Speaker of the House of the Mississippi Legislature for four years, was Congressman, U.S. Senator and Governor of Mississippi from 1854 - 1858.

James B. McRae, born in Jackson County, served in both houses of the Mississippi Legislature, was a county officer, and a Colonel in the Civil War.

An account of the music of the Singing River is related in the South-Western Farmer newspaper, September 16, 1842 that gives another twist to the varied descriptions of the sounds of the famous river. Col. T. L. Sumrall explained to the writer what he and John McRae had heard before McRae died

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in 1835.

Quoting the article - "After rowing over two miles out, the sounds of a group of Negroes at a house on the beach who were fiddling and dancing with glee, had faded into a melodious plaintiveness that rendered them unlike anything had ever before proceeded from a terrestrial instrument. Sometimes there would be a single loud swelling note - then the other notes would be inaudible till presently there would come again swelling upon the ear in rapid succession, and then again expire in a soft breath like the faint sigh of a dying child. Sometimes there would be a hiatus of fifteen minutes between the notes. They appeared sometimes to rise from the water, as if from under the boat -at other times, they appeared to be in the air, so that, a superstitious person, never thinking of the distant cause of the echo, would naturally imagine that there were invisible instruments immediately above, below or all round him, producing the unearthly concert. It should be borne in mind that the principal population along each shore of this bay are Creole French - a people that are almost incessantly fiddling - frequently keeping it up all night long. The bay is four miles wide where Col. Sumrall and John McRae, Esquire crossed it, and he heard the sounds even after he reached the wharf."

Mrs. McRae, the article said, was still living at the same place, and they could give the same explanation which was set forth in the South-Western Farmer by Col. Sumrall and John McRae.

Courthouse records show that John McRae constructed a home, located about the boundary between the Helen Moro Claim Section No. 9 and the Isabelle Glaude Section No. 3 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West where he lived with his family until the time of his death in 1835.

Also included in the document is the fact that Mrs. McRae had another large home constructed about 1850 just west of the mouth of Bayou la Motte on the A. Moro Claim Section No. 11-8-7. One of these homes were burned by Federal Soldiers during the "Civil War between the States of this Union." Mrs. McRae lived at this home until her death after which her daughter, Mrs. Hempstead possessed it until the same was destroyed by fire in the early 1880's. It is not of record in the aforementioned document which home was burned by the Federal troops.

The McRae Family Cemetery, located on the family homeplace near the Gulf, on the south side of Graveline Road, has been encroached upon by homesites. Vandals and storm damage have nearly destroyed this historic cemetery, where the only marked burials that remain are those of two Sutton children and the broken tomb of John McRae. It is partially fenced by chain and pipe and is divided by a private fence on

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adjacent property.

On April 12, 1991, through the efforts of Horace Sheperd and other interested parties, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History awarded the McRae Cemetery the Certificate of Historical Significance. This designation authorizes the Jackson County Board of Supervisors at their discretion, under House Bill #780 to repair, rehabilitate and maintain the cemetery as a historical monument.

Other family members are probably buried there along with McRae - his wife Elizabeth, his son Lt. Col. James B. McRea CSA, and other members of the family.

When the cemetery was surveyed in 1968 by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Krebs for the Jackson County Genealogical Society, the following graves were marked:

Augustus G.
Son of F. A. & H. E. Kent
b. Sept. 11, 1831
d. Jan. 28, 1852

Eliza Ann
Daughter of William C. &
Mary Sutton
d. Oct. 16, 1833
age 1 yr. 3 mo. & 23 days

Wm. Thomas
Son of William & Mary Anidel
(Sutton ?)
d. Sept. 13, 1831
age 16 mos. & 29 days

This Monument is Dedicated to
The Memory of John McRae by his
Family who died
14 of March, 1835
age 57 yrs. and 1 mo.

Daniel Walter McRae
Son of John & Elizabeth McRae
(Dates illegible)

There are several unmarked graves, and anyone knowing possible burials are encouraged to submit their names and dates to Betty Rodgers, Jackson County Genealogical Society, PO Box 984, Pascagoula, MS 39567 or to Jean Strickland Librarian, Pascagoula Library, Genealogy and Local History Department.

Research by Betty Rodgers, Jackson County Genealogical Society

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"South-Western Farmer" Sept. 16, 1842, courtesy Bettye Edgington

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FOREWORD

This is a genealogy of Horace Armor Shepard 1883-1973, father of Caroline Noel Shepard St. John, and compiled for all the descendents of William Shepard who died in 1819 and married May 12, 1794, Mary Blount 1773-1864. Separate genealogies are compiled for my father, Thomas Gaines St. John; my mother, Mariam Bealer Black St. John 1893-1978, and my wife's mother, Annie Caroline Hand Shepard.

Each family line has its own section or chapter, and most are preceded by a lineage chart. Frederick Adams Virkus in his First Families of America list seven generations of Shepards from Thomas Shepard, the emigrant to Virginia prior to 1625 through the seventh generation, William Shepard that married Mary Blount. The second source, shown in Ancestral Records and Portraits begins with David Shepard, the fourth generation, overlapping the first source by four generations. The next listed source, One Dozen Pre-Revolutionary War Families of Eastern North Carolina beginning with Jacob Shepard overlaps the previous two sources.

The family of Mary Blount, who married William Shepard on May 12, 1794, begins with the brothers Sir Robert Le Blount and Sir William Le Blount, a General at Hastings, having descendents of the 7th generation marry, being Sir Stephen Le Blount that married Maria La Blount, heiress of Saxlingham. This lineage extends through Sir Walter Blount, created Baronet in 1642, whose sons emigrated to Virginia, with Capt. James Blount moving to North Carolina in 1669 and his brother Thomas, moved to North Carolina in 1673. The Blount family in America continues through Federick S. Blount, that married Emily James of Mobile, Alabama and Mary Blount that married William Shepard.

This Blount family line also shows the family connection with William Blount, Governor of the Territories of the United States South of the Ohio, appointed by President Washington, and of his half brother Willie Blount, Governor of Tennessee.

Mary Blount's maternal families, Vail, Lillington, and Williams are also shown.

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ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations used in this genealogy are as follows:
abt., about; ae., aged; B., baptized; b., born; br., buried;
ch., child or children; des., descended; d., died; d.s.,
died single; d.s.p., died *sine prole*, "without issue"; d.
inf., died in infancy; d.y., died young; dau., daughter;
div. divorced; fa., father; gt., great; gd., grand; husb.,
husband; m., married; m.(1), 1st. marriage; MC, Magnolia
Cemetery, Mobile; s., single; suc., succeeded; T.S.,
tombstone; AL b.c., Alabama birth certificate.

THE OLD STYLE AND NEW STYLE CALENDAR

The year, at the time of the American Colonial period, began
March 25, and ended March 24, and so remained until 1752;
then the change was made to January 1st by Great Britain and
her Colonies. Other European countries had made the change
earlier.

From 1607 to 1752 double dating was the common practice for
the months between January 1st and March. This was an
attempt to give dates for a year beginning March 25th and at
the same time for a year beginning January 1st. When two
dates are indicated, only the earlier date will be shown in
this genealogy.

STATES AND TERRITORIES TWO LETTER ABBREVIATIONS
(Used at times to conserve space)

Alabama AL	Kentucky KY	Oklahoma OK
Alaska AK	Louisiana LA	Oregon OR
Arizona AZ	Maine ME	Pennsylvania PA
Arkansas AR	Maryland MD	Puerto Rico PR
California CA	Massachusetts MA	Rhode Island RI
Canal Zone CZ	Michigan MI	South Carolina SC
Colorado CO	Minnesota MN	South Dakota SD
Connecticut CT	Mississippi MS	Tennessee TN
Delaware DE	Missouri MO	Texas TX
Dist. of Columbia DC	Montana MT	Utah UT
Florida FL	Nebraska NE	Vermont VT
Georgia GA	Nevada NV	Virginia VA
Guam GU	New Hampshire NH	Virgin Islands VI
Hawaii HI	New Jersey NJ	Washington WA
Idaho ID	New Mexico NM	West Virginia WV
Illinois IL	New York NY	Wisconsin WI
Indiana IN	North Carolina NC	Wyoming WY
Iowa IA	North Dakota ND	
Kansas KS	Ohio OH	

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The family of Susan B. Martin who married Frederick B. Shepard is shown as daughter of Dr. William Martin and her mother's d'Auge family begins with General Peter d'Auge who was born December 17, 1739. She was the gr. dau. of James Green Martin of Scotland and his wife Lucy.

Kate McRae Armor married Charles Martin Shepard April 29, 1879 in Mobile, Alabama and it is the family of her mother, Isabella Olivia McRae, that is listed from 1400 in Scotland through the decedents of John McRae who emigrated from Kintail, Ross-shire Scotland to Anson County, North Carolina during the second half of the eighteenth century.

An account of Governor John J. McRae, Isabella's brother, is given in Appendix A.

The family of Margaret Mac Kenzie, wife of Alexander MacRae of Inverinate, is shown on a chart beginning with William the Conqueror, and being of this decent, Appendix B lists the lineage of Adam, of Eden to William. Appendix C lists lineage from Charlemagne, Emperor of the West also through William the Conqueror.

Isabel Shepard would enjoy telling the story of her relative, Emily Blount and her husband Baron de Riviere, and as Mr. Craighead also tells the story in his collection of Mobile stories, his account is included in Appendix D.

Appendix E is an account of West Pascagoula, from the early occupants to the present day. A copy of an 1848 letter is included which gives an interesting contemporary account of the area and the McRae family. Misses Kate and Isabel Shepard operated Camp La Motte on these premises for several years and information from a 1935 brochure is included.

In the attic of 1552 Monterey Place, Mobile Alabama was found in 1973, a very old suit case filled with various accounts of the period 1887 to 1894, while Geronimo and the Apache Indians were at Mt. Vernon Barracks. These writings were in the form of letters and historic novelettes by Sophie and Margaret Shepard. One novel and one letter are included in Appendix F.

THE SHEPARD FAMILY

Thomas Shepard, from Eng. to VA, = Wife's name unknown.
1625, member of Assembly.

Col. John Shepard, 1644, member = Wife's name unknown.
of Assembly.

Jacob Shepard = Wife's name unknown.

David Shepard, d. 1754, settled = Wife's name unknown
in Carteret Co., Commission
of Peace from 1739 to 1750.

David Shepard II, d. 1773, = Frances, mentioned in his will.
Justice of the Peace in 1744.

Solomon Shepard, m. Jean, had eight children.	
Jacob Shepard, 1734-1773.	= Sara, who afterward m. Mr. Gibbs.
Elijah Shepard.	
Sarah Shepard, m. Mr. Wallis.	Capt. James Blount = Ann Willis
Rebecca Shepard, m. R. Sanders.	John Blount = Elizabeth Davis.
Abigail Shepard, m. David Ward.	John Blount II = Sarah Vail.
John Shepard, d. 1774.	Frederick Blount = Sara Williams
Elizabeth Shepard, m. (1) Taylor, (2) David Ward, her sister's widower.	

John Shepard, m. Miriam Wallace.	
William Shepard, 1765-1819.	= Mary Blount 1773-1864.
Richard Shepard.	
Hannah Shepard, m. Charles Biddle.	
Sarah Shepard.	
Ann Shepard.	

John Swann Shepard.	: Pierre d'Auge = Margaret Dozier
Ann Blount Shepard, m. Ebenezer Pettigrew.	: 1739-1801 m. 1795, d. 1912.
Wm. B. Shepard, m. (1) Charlotte Casnove, (2) Anne Davis Collins.	: James G. Martin m. Susan Bruce : b. Scotland.
Charles Biddle Shepard, m. (1) Miss. Jones, (2) Mary Donnell.	
Mary Shepard, m. John Heritage Bryan.	: Dr. Wm. Martin = Sophie d'Auge 1798-1873
Hannah Biddle Shepard.	
Frederick Blount Shepard, 1803-1867.	= Susan Bruce Martin, 1816-1901, m. Dec. 21, 1834, Elizabeth City, NC.
Penelope Swann Shepard.	
Richard Muse Shepard.	
James B. Shepard.	

Charlotte Casnove Shepard, b. 1837.	: Joseph C. Hamilton M.D. = Lucy.
Fredrick Blount Shepard, b. 1839.	: 1825-1887.

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William Martin Shepard, b. 1842.
 Richard Blount Shepard, 1844-1927 = Frances B. Hamilton, 1856-1952.
 Sophie Mary Shepard, b. 1845.
 Susan Bruce Shepard, b. 1846-1901 = Capt. Charles Pearson.
 Tazewell Taylor Shepard, b. 1848.: James E. Armor = Isabel McRae¹
 Margaret D'Auge Shepard, b. 1850.: 1827-1870 1827-1868
 John Shepard, d. inf.
 Charles Martin Shepard, b. 1855, = Kate McRae Armor, b. 1856,
 Elizabeth City NC, d. 1944, West Pascagoula MS, d. 1933.
 Mobile, AL.
 James Shepard, d. inf.
 Edward Bruce Shepard, 1858-1936. = Catherine Taschenberger, dau.
 of Frederick Tachenberger
 and Elizabeth Smith (Trueheart)
 Sophie Mary Shepard, d.s.
 Daniel Trueheart Shepard, 1887-1970, d.s.
 Evelyn Belmont Shepard, 1889-1982, d.s.
 Edward Bruce Shepard, 1893-1948, d.s.
 Charles Casnove Shepard, 1895-1975, d.s.
 Frances Barbour Shepard, b. Nov. 12,
 1900, m. Thomas Joseph Burns Jr.
 Catherine Smith Shepard, b. Oct. 20, 1902.
 Susan Bruce Shepard, d.s.
 Robert Hardy Shepard, m. Gertrude Reed.
 Isabel Shepard, 1880-1953, d.s.
 Charles Martin Shepard Jr., 1882-1950, m. Mary Touchy, 1891-1982.
 Horace Armor Shepard, 1883-1973, m. Annie Caroline Hand 1887-1950.
 Kate McRae Shepard, 1885-1952, d.s.
 Ruth Elizabeth Shepard, 1887-1947, m. Matthew Davis Jr., 1886-1958.
 Elizabeth and Susan Pearson, twin girls, d.inf.
 Giles William Pearson, 1872-1956, m. Aletha Morgan, 1891-1966.
 Charles Pearson, 1875-1966, m. Margaret Isabel Bryan, 1874-1939.
 Frederick S. Pearson, 1877-1937, m. Annie E. Eberhardt, 1871-1906.
 John Ellis Pearson, 1879-1933, m. Margaret M. Moore, 1887-1948.
 Sophie D'Auge Pearson, b. April 29, 1884, m. Marvin Wilkins.
 Frederick Blount Shepard, 1880-1906.
 William Martin Shepard, m. Alice Briggs, have four ch.
 Joesph Hamilton Shepard, d.inf.
 Francis Minor Shepard, m. Jessie Bouchelle, have three ch.
 Richard Blount Shepard, m. Lucie Maria Washington, have three ch.
 Lucien Shepard 1887-1978, d.s.
 Tazewell Taylor Shepard, m. (1) Martha Webb, have two ch., (2) Mona.
 Chart By Sam B. St. John, 235 S. McGregor Ave. Mobile, AL. 36608

¹ See The McRae Family.

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The name Shepard is clearly of occupational origin, and meaning "the shepherd," this surname is found in an almost unlimited assortment of spelling: Shepard, Sheppard, Shephard, Shepherd, Shepperd, Shepheard, etc. No one family can lay any original claim to the name, for it sprang up all over England whenever the occupation of shepherd was at all prominent.

The Compiler has used several sources beginning with *THE ABRIDGED COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of THE FIRST FAMILIES OF AMERICA*¹, Edited by Frederick Adams Virkus, F.I.A.G., Volume I, Page 508, which states:

- 1.1 Thomas Shepard from Eng. to Va., 1625, mem. Assembly;
- 2.1 Col. John, mem. Assembly, 1644;
- 3.1 Jacob;
- 4.1 David (d. 1754), went to N.C. 1710;
- 5.1 David (d. 1774), Maj. Carteret Regt of Foot, 1754:
- 6.1 Jacob (1734-73), member of Assembly, assisted George Washington in survey of the Dismal Swamp Canal;
- 7.1 William (1764-1819), Capt. Am. Rev., m. Mary Blount (dec. Sir. James Blount);

The primary text source used for the early lineage of the Shepard and allied families was taken from *ANCESTRAL RECORDS AND PORTRAITS, A COMPILATION FROM THE ARCHIVES OF CHARTER I., THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA*¹, VOL. II, pages 580-587, Genealogical Publishing Company 1969, beginning with David Shepard that went to N.C. in 1710.

4.1 DAVID SHEPARD settled in Carteret County, N. C., early in the eighteenth century. His name appears on Commissions of the Peace from 1739 to 1750. He d. 1754.

5.1 DAVID SHEPARD, JUN., was appointed by Governor Gabriel Johnson as a Justice of the Peace 1739, 1744, 1749 and 1750. In 1754 he was a Major of the Carteret Regiment of Foot. He d. 1773 and letters of administration were issued for Frances, his widow. His will lists four sons, four married daughters, and several grand-children.

6.1 Solomon Shepard; will proved in Carteret County court on March 15, 1780. Jean, the widow, m. (2) Jacob Foy.

- 7.1 Solomon Shepard, Jr.
- 7.2 David Shepard, m. Charity Fisher.
- 7.3 Elizabeth Shepard, m. John Handcock.
- 7.4 Jean Shepard, m. Abner Bell.
- 7.5 Mary Shepard, m. Absalom Bell.
- 7.6 Margaret Shepard.

¹ A copy of this publication can be found in the Mobile Public Library.

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- 6.2 *Jacob Shepard*, of whom further.
6.3 *Elijah Shepard*.
6.4 *Sarah Shepard*, m. Mr. Wallis.
6.5 *Rebecca Shepard*, m. Robert Sanders.
6.6 *Abigail Shepard*, m. David Ward, ch: David Ward.
6.7 *John Shepard*, d. 1774.
6.8 *Elizabeth Shepard*, m. (1) William Wilkins Taylor,
ch. David Taylor, m. (2) David Ward, her sister's
widower.
- 6.2 JACOB SHEPARD, the second son was b. September 18, 1734,
and d. June 16, 1773. He was a Member of the Assembly from
Carteret 1769, and again the year of his death. He was an
engineer and surveyor, and according to tradition he assisted
George Washington in surveying the Dismal Swamp Canal.
His wife was Sara², who afterwards married Mr. Gibbs.
- 7.1 *John Shepard*, m. Miriam Wallace, ch. William Shepard.
7.2 *William Shepard*, of whom further.
7.3 *Richard Shepard*.
7.4 *Hannah Shepard*, m. Nov. 25, 1778, Charles Biddle, of
Philadelphia, Vice-President of Pennsylvania 1776.
Their son, Nicholas Biddle, was secretary to James
Monroe while Monroe was United States Ambassador to
England; he was director of the United States Bank in
1819 and became its president in 1823 and 1836.
7.5 *Sarah Shepard*.
7.6 *Ann Shepard*.
- 7.2 WILLIAM SHEPARD, b. 1765, d. June 1, 1819. He was
commissioned Captain of the tenth regiment of North
Carolina Continental Troops, January 20, 1778, Abraham
Shepard, Colonel, and was part owner of the privateers
Snap Dragon and *Three Sisters*. He was a prominent
planter and merchant of New Bern, and owned Shepard's
Point, now Morehead. After the Revolution he took an
active part in politics, being a strong Federalist, and
in 1788 was a Member of the State Legislature. He m.
May 12, 1794, Mary, the dau. of Frederick and Mary
(Williams) Blount, who was b. June 13, 1773, and d.
October 12, 1864.
- 8.1 *John Swann Shepard*.
8.2 *Ann Blount Shepard*, m. Ebenezer Pettigrew.
8.3 *William Biddle Shepard*, served eight years in
Congress, m. (1) Charlotte Casnove, by him had
dau. Gertrude, (2) Anne Davis Collins, by him
had son William B. Shepard.

2 One Dozen Pre-Revolutionary War Families of Eastern North
Carolina by P. W. Fisher.

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- 8.4 Charles Biddle Shepard, m. (1) Miss. Jones,
(2) Mary Donnell, by whom two ch.
- 8.5 Mary Shepard, m. John Heritage Bryan who served
in the North Carolina Legislature and also as a
United States Congressman from the New Bern Dist.
- 8.6 Hannah Biddle Shepard.
- 8.7 *Frederick Blount Shepard*, of whom further.
- 8.8 Penelope Swann Shepard.
- 8.9 Richard Muse Shepard.
- 8.10 James B. Shepard.
- 8.7 FREDERICK BLOUNT SHEPARD, b. 1803, m. December 21, 1834
in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, N.C., Susan Bruce
Martin of Elizabeth City, dau. of Dr. William Martin and
Sophia Scott d'Auge, gr. dau. of James G. Martin and
Susan Bruce. Her uncle was the distinguished Brig. Gen.
James G. Martin Jr., C.S.A. In 1830 they moved to
Demopolis, Alabama, Susan and her daughter Charlotte
drove together from New Bern in a carriage. They moved
to Mobile in the late thirties and lived in a boarding
house on the corner of St. Joseph and St. Francis
streets. They next bought a place on St. Stephens Road,
running through to Springhill Avenue, where the present
Mobile Infirmary is located. He lost heavily on cotton
shipped to England and moved to Mt. Vernon before the
war. There were two plantations, one on the river and
another on the hill where they lived to avoid malaria
and yellow fever. They had twelve children, ten
listed in the 1860 Census³ of the Northern Division,
Mobile County.

As an old man living at Mount Vernon, Alabama in 1867,
Mr. Shepard, enraged at the Federal Troops for stealing
his cattle, appeared on horseback at the Mount Vernon
Arsenal to complain, was arrested and carried before
Captain Morris Schoff, who shot the unarmed prisoner as
soon as he appeared. For this murder, Schoff was court-
martialed and imprisoned for ten years⁴. Mr. Shepard was
mortally wounded, carried to the old Providence Hospital
on St. Anthony Street in Mobile and died there. He is
buried in the Armor⁵ family lot, Magnolia Cemetery,
Mobile, AL.

³ This census gives the age for each of the ten children and
the birth year shown herein is based on this source.

⁴ Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama by Walter L. Fleming.

⁵ Mr. Horace Armor Shepard said that his grandfather was buried
in his mother's, Armor family lot, and showed me the location.
I failed to ask if this was through friendship with this family,
or was he later moved to this location after his son Charles
Martin Shepard married Kate McRae Armor.

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- 9.1 Charlotte Casnove Shepard, b. 1837.
 - 9.2 Frederick Blount Shepard, b. 1839.
 - 9.3 William Martin Shepard, b. 1842.
 - 9.4 *Richard Blount Shepard*, b. 1843, of whom further.
 - 9.5 Sophie Mary Shepard, b. 1844, d.s., see teacher of the Apache Indians, Appendix F.
 - 9.6 *Susan Bruce Shepard*, b. 1846, of whom further.
 - 9.7 Tazewell Taylor Shepard, b. 1848.
 - 9.8 Margaret D'Auge Shepard, b. 1850, d.s., see teacher of the Apache Indians, Appendix F.
 - 9.9 John Shepard, d. inf.
 - 9.10 *Charles Martin Shepard*, b. 1855, of whom further.
 - 9.11 James Shepard, d. inf.
 - 9.12 *Edward Bruce Shepard*, 1858-1936, of whom further.
- 9.4 RICHARD BLOUNT SHEPARD, b. Elizabeth City, NC, Jan. 12, 1844 d. Mt. Vernon, AL, November 7, 1927; m. Frances Hamilton, b. Sep. 27, 1856, d. Aug. 29, 1952, dau. of Dr. Joseph Courten Hornblower Hamilton⁶, M.D., b. Newark, N.J. Sept. 22, 1825, d. in Mobile April 27, 1887 and wife; Lucy Barbour Minor, dau. of Judge Henry Minor, a signer of the Alabama Constitution. Frances was the gd. dau. of Rev. William Thomas Hamilton, D.D., b. in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, Jan. 22, 1796, d. June 9, 1884, Mobile and Charlotte Elizabeth Cartledge, d. July 24, 1858, Mobile, Age 63 years. Dr. Hamilton was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, N.J., came South for his health in 1834 and during his 20-year ministry in Mobile, the Greek Revival First Presbyterian Church, designed by Gallier-Dakin, was built.
- Frances Hamilton Shepard educated her seven children in her home, Tazewell attended U.M.S. in Mobile, all of the others were prepared to enter college without further tutoring.
- 10.1 Frederick Blount Shepard, b. February 8, 1880 d. March 30, 1906.
 - 10.2 William Martin Shepard, 1885-1981; After graduating from Auburn he went to San Francisco in 1908 and two years later became West Coast sales manager for General Electric. He served in WWI.

6 A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; served in the Mexican war; surgeon, First Alabama, C. S. A.. He was captured at Port Hudson, and although a prisoner, became so well thought of by his captors, the Federals, that he was given charge of the hospital ship engaged in conveying sick and wounded to the Mississippi sound coast for recuperation. He had two brothers, both distinguished Mobile lawyers, being Peter Hamilton and Thomas Alexander Goodwin Hamilton.

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During the 1920's he headed the California-Oregon Power Co., then moved to Buenos Aires in 1929, where he managed Argentina's electric power network until 1946. After World War II he rebuilt the power system in Italy, Turkey and Malta. He m. Alice Briggs, d. 1958.

- 11.1 William Martin Shepard Jr., of Bethesda, MD.
- 11.2 John Shepard, killed in action, W.W.II.
- 11.3 Gertrude Shepard, m. David B. Bloomer, a British Army Officer.
 - 12.1 Martin Bloomer.
 - 12.2 Jeremey Bloomer.
 - 12.3 Alice Bloomer.
- 11.4 Richard Shepard.

10.3 Joesph Hamilton Shepard, d. inf.

10.4 Francis Minor Shepard, served in WWI, m. Jessie Bouchelle.

- 11.1 Sarah Shepard, m. Victor Rice.
 - 12.1 Sarah Hamilton Rice, m. Robin Bryant Gray.
 - 13.1 Catherine M. Gray.
 - 12.2 Virginia Gerlech Rice, m. William Stewart Carpenter.
 - 13.1 Hamilton Carpenter.
- 11.2 Richard Blount Shepard, m. Wyneps Renee Acton.
 - 12.1 Wyneps Elizabeth (Beth) Shepard, MD.
 - 12.2 Richard Kesneill Shepard, MD.
 - 12.3 Karen Bouchelle Shepard.
- 11.3 Elizabeth (Bess) Shepard, m. Law Lamar Ager, his (2) marriage.
 - Children of m. (1):*
 - 12.1 Layer Lawton Ager, m. Mr. Osburn.
 - 12.2 Law Lamar Ager III.
 - 12.3 Liela Lanier Ager, m. Larry Gartland.
 - 12.4 Emily Cleveland Ager.
 - Children of m. (2):*
 - 12.5 Francis Minor Ager, m. Amy Brannon Neal.
 - 12.6 John Bouchelle Ager, m. Catherine Worth Caddell.
 - 12.7 Elizabeth Bouchelle Ager, m. Rob. E. Padgett Jr.

10.5 Richard Blount Shepard, Served in W.W.II, m. Lucy Maria Washington, des. of one of George Washington's half brothers.

- 11.1 Frances Shepard.
- 11.2 Anita Shepard, m. Richard Brown.
 - 12.1 Anita Cowart Brown.
 - 12.2 Barbara Brown, m. a Presbyterian minister.

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- 12.3 Margaret Brown, m. Mr. Brownie.
- 11.3 Frederick Shepard, was married, is now deceased.
- 10.6 Lucien Hamilton Shepard, fought in WWI, 1887-1978, d.s.
- 10.7 Tazewell Taylor Shepard, 1892-1975, lived in Mobile, AL., he was a Captain in W.W.I., practiced law in Mobile, m. (1) Martha Webb, dau. of James H. and Mary F. Webb; m. (2) Mona -----.
- Children m. (1):*
 - 11.1 Mary Shepard, b. 1919 at Mobile, AL., m. 1940 Charles Henry Frost of Grand Rapids, MI., 1917-1991.
 - 12.1 Martha Frost, b. 1941, m. John Minnich, d. 1985 at Long Beach CA.
 - 13.1 Laura Minnich.
 - 13.2 Michael Minnich.
 - 12.2 Mary Ewing Frost, b. 1942, m. John Slafkosky, Pittsburg PA.
 - 13.1 Mary Veronica Slafkosky.
 - 13.2 John Charles Slafkosky.
 - 12.3 Charles Henry Frost Jr. of Dallas, TX. b. 1945, div., no ch.
 - 12.4 Richard Frost of Newaygo, MI., b. 1946, m. Genny Lee of Wichita Falls, TX.
 - 13.1 Sara Lee Frost.
 - 13.2 James Parker Frost.
 - 12.5 Laura Frost of Maynard, MA., b. 1949, m. Raul Otero of Lima Peru, div., no ch. She took her maiden name.
 - 12.6 James H. Frost, b. 1950, is an Attorney in Mobile, AL., m. Ann Hollinger of Mobile, Alabama, the dau. of Randall Hollinger and Millie Cowan.
 - 13.1 James Richard Frost.
 - 13.2 John Randall Frost.
 - 12.7 Margaret Frost, b. 1952, m. Bruce Voglesong of Fort Collins, CO.,
 - 13.1 Karen Voglesong.
 - 13.2 Rachel Voglesong.
 - 13.3 Genevieve (Jennie) Voglesong.
 - 11.2 Tazewell Taylor Shepard Jr., an Annapolis graduate, was Naval Aid to Pres. John Kennedy, then a Navy Captain, retired as Rear Admiral, m. Julia Ann Sparkman, dau. of Sen. John Sparkman, of Alabama. During World War II Captain Shepard as a naval aviator, commanded Heavy Attack Squadron 15 and was decorated with the Navy Cross "for extraordinary heroism while serving aboard the U.S.S. *San Francisco*

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during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area, November 1942. He also participated in other combat engagements during the war.

- 12.1 Tazewell Taylor Shepard III, m. Cynthia Christain of Albertville, AL.
- 13.1 Tazewell Taylor Shepard IV.
- 13.2 John Sparkman Shepard. (twin)
- 13.3 Hunt Christain Shepard. (twin)

9.6 SUSAN BRUCE SHEPARD, b. May 27, 1842, Elizabeth City, NC., d. at Saluda, NC., January 18, 1901, m. April 19, 1870 at Elizabeth City, Charles William Pearson, b. August 25, 1841, Mocksville, NC., d. at Saluda April 19, 1915. He was the son of Giles William Pearson and Elizabeth Ellis.

10.1 Elizabeth and Susan Pearson, twin girls, d.inf.

10.2 Giles William Pearson, b. Nov. 27, 1872 at Saluda, d. April 3, 1956, m. May 25, 1913 at Saluda NC., Aletha Morgan, b. March 19, 1891, d. May 25, 1966 at Melrose.

11.1 Virginia Elizabeth Pearson, b. March 10, 1914, d. Feb. 5, 1986 at Saluda, m. William H. McKenney.

11.2 Susan Bruce Pearson, b. Jan. 10, 1915, m. Aug. 23, 1949 Augustin Julian Barbour Jr, b. March 4, 1920.

11.3 Giles William Pearson Jr., b. July 29, 1916 at Saluda, NC., m. June 1, 1949 Dulcie Gordon, b. May 14, 1921.

12.1 Priscilla Jean Pearson, b. Nov. 6, 1942.

12.2 Linda Sue Pearson, b. Nov. 3, 1948.

12.3 Giles William Pearson III, b. July 23, 1951.

12.4 Sarah Ann Pearson, b. May 1, 1962.

11.4 Julia Metcalf Pearson, b. Nov. 27, 1919 at Saluda, m. Jan. 11, 1942 John Joseph Daunt II.

12.1 John Joseph Daunt III, b. Oct. 23, 1942.

11.5 Helen Odessa Pearson, b. Jan. 17, 1922 at Saluda, m. April 9, 1944 Frank D. Galda, b. June 1, 1918.

12.1 Susan Lee Galda, b. Mar. 13, 1946, m. Richard Schade.

12.2 Diane Elizabeth Galda, b. July 1, 1950.

12.3 Virginia Aletha Galda, b. Oct. 22, 1962.

11.6 Mary Pearson, b. May 16, 1924, d. inf.

11.7 Aletha Edna Pearson, b. Aug. 25, 1925 at Saluda and living there in 1992⁷.

⁷ In a June 25, 1992 letter to Catherine Foster in Mobile, information on the Pearson family was furnished for this genealogy. She mentioned that Doreen had bought the old house at Melrose; that North Carolina Governor John W. Ellis was her grandfather Pearson's uncle but probably meant an uncle of her grandmother Elizabeth Ellis. She said her grandmother (Susan

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- 11.8 Mildred Eugenia Pearson, b. Nov. 17, 1927.
- 11.9 Vernon Doreen Pearson, b. May 13, 1931.
- 11.10 Frederick James Pearson, b. May 19, 1933, m. Evelyn England.
 - 12.1 Melanie Leigh Pearson, b. Sept. 24, 1963.
 - 12.1 Tamara Diane Pearson, b. Nov. 1, 1964.
- 10.3 Charles William Pearson Jr. b. Oct. 24, 1875, where Asheville now stands, d. July 26, 1966, m. (1) August 17, 1898 Margaret Isabel Bryan, b. Jan. 10, 1874, d. April 30, 1939. He m. (2) June 3, 1950 Freta Jane Hoffner, b. Nov. 24, 1896.
 - Children m. (1):*
 - 11.1 Alden Bryan Pearson, b. August 13, 1899 at Raleigh, m. Iva Sylvester.
 - 12.1 Alden Bryan Pearson Jr., b. Jan. 1, 1928, m. Anna Lee Skipper Johnson.
 - 12.2 Margaret Pearson, m. John E Buechelle.
 - 13.1 John Charles Buechelle, b. March 21, 1962.
 - 13.2 Susan Craig Buchelle, b. July 26, 1964.
 - 11.2 Charles William Pearson III, b. Oct. 2, 1901 at Raleigh, m. Lettie Nichols.
 - 12.1 Virginia Margaret Pearson, b. Nov. 11, 1929, m. John Renowden Reese, b. June 4, 1925.
 - 13.1 Charles Pearson Reese, b. May 15, 1953.
 - 13.2 Steven Frost Reese, b. Aug. 12, 1954.
 - 13.3 Susan Virginia Reese, b. March 8, 1958.
 - 13.4 James Nelson Reese, b. Nov. 4, 1963.
 - 13.5 William Shepard Reese, b. Oct. 5, 1966.
 - 12.2 Charles William Pearson IV, b. Dec. 26, 1931, m. Marilyn Royston, b. Dec. 26, 1932.
 - 13.1 Linda Margaret Pearson, b. June 19, 1957.
 - 13.2 Sharon Rebecca Pearson, b. Jan. 26, 1960.
 - 11.3 Lilian Dagama Pearson, b. Sept. 20, 1905 at Raleigh, m. Hugh P. Brinton, b. Dec. 10, 1901.
 - 12.1 Charlotte Mary Brinton, b. Nov. 15, 1945, m. Walter Joseph Ellis Jr.
 - 12.2 Dawn Marie Brinton, b. Feb. 9, 1969.

Bruce Shepard) had an aunt Sophie Martin at Elizabeth City NC., and also mentioned aunt's Betty, Em, and Helen Martin. General James K. Martin and Margaret Russell Martin lived in Asheville and grandma sometimes visited them there when she was living with her grandmother in Elizabeth City. As an infant in Elizabeth City she injured her back and couldn't be taken with her parents when they moved to Alabama so her grandmother kept her at Elizabeth City. When she was almost grown her parents came to get her, but she preferred to stay at Elizabeth City, and did so.

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- 10.4 Frederick Shepard Pearson, b. August 15, 1877 at Asheville, m. (1) Annie E. Eberhardt, b. May 1, 1871, d. Feb. 3, 1906; m. (2) Annys Arminda Johnson, b. Sept. 30, 1875, d. Oct. 7, 1951. He d. Feb. 13, 1937.
Children m. (1):
11.1 Sue Shepard Pearson, b. Dec. 2, 1900, d.y.
11.2 Elizabeth Ellis (Bessie) Pearson, b. Oct. 19, 1903 at Atlanta, d. May 16, 1962, m. Bronson Proctor.
11.3 Annie Eberhardt Pearson, b. Jan. 23, 1906 at Atlanta, m. Bernard Charles Jowett.
Children m. (2):
11.4 Fredrick Shepard Pearson Jr., b. Aug. 26, 1910 at Tryon, NC., m. Marie Morrison.
12.1 Susan Frances Pearson, b. May 27, 1942, m. Gary Lee Hauser.
13.1 Lee Ann Sue Houser, b. Feb. 15, 1973.
12.2 Frederick Lear Pearson, b. May 12, 1945.
11.5 Frances Augusta Pearson, b. Oct. 17, 1912 at Hattisburg, MS., m. Edward Michael Miles, b. Nov. 26, 1901, d. Nov. 10, 1967.
12.1 Michael Miles, b. Feb. 5, 1945, d.inf.
12.2 Edward Francis Miles, b. Feb. 7, 1952 at Washington, DC.
11.6 Edwin Johnson Pearson, b. Oct. 4, 1914 at Blodgett, MS., d. June 21, 1965, m. Mary McLaughlin.
12.1 Ronald Edwin Pearson, b. Aug. 22, 1944.
12.2 Mitzi Anne Pearson, b. July 7, 1948, m. William Richard Brandon.
- 10.5 John Ellis Pearson, b. Dec. 28, 1879 at Melrose home place, d. March 21, 1933 at Melrose, m. Margaret M Moore, b. Aug. 2, 1887, d. Feb. 21, 1948 at Melrose.
11.1 John Ellis Pearson Jr., b. Dec. 15, 1920 at Melrose, m. Lois Joan Huntley. b. Feb. 21, 1926.
12.1 John Ellis Pearson III, b. Sept. 11, 1957.
12.2 Robert, b. Nov. 3, 1962.
12.3 Caroline Pearson, b. June 15, 1959.
11.2 Sara Bruce Pearson, b. April 20, 1908 at Tryon, m. Robert Mitchell Rogers, b. June 25, 1915.
11.3 Alice May Pearson, b. May 17, 1910 at Melrose, m. Thomas C. Parker, b. March 30, 1905.
12.1 Alice Jane Parker, b. Dec. 17, 1938 at Tryon, NC., m. John Mitchael Preston, b. Dec. 3, 1937.
13.1 John Mitchael Preston Jr., b. b. Feb. 12, 1962.
13.2 Elizabeth Eileen Preston, b. March 23, 1964.
13.3 Angela Suzanne Preston, b. March 15, 1965.

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- 12.2 Thomas Clyde Parker, b. July 12, 1932 at Melrose, m. Yvonne Hughes, b. Oct. 13, 1929.
 - 13.1 Thomas Keith Parker, b. Dec. 24, 1955.
 - 13.2 Earen Kimberly Parker, b. June 21, 1957.
 - 13.3 Kevin Parker, b. Oct. 26, 1962.
 - 13.4 Kenneth Parker, b. July 1, 1964.
- 11.4 Elizabeth Ellis Pearson, b. Oct. 21, 1914 at Melrose m. Preston J. Henn, b. May 6, 1905.
 - 12.1 Elizabeth Ione Henn, b. Feb. 5, 1945 at Murphy, NC.
- 11.5 Catherine Pearson, b. Feb. 10, 1922 at Melrose, m. Vernon Rubel, b. May 31, 1923.
 - 12.1 Philip Vernon Preston, b. May 8, 1952 at Tryon, NC.
 - 12.2 Catherine Virginia Preston, b. Dec. 10, 1953, Ashville, NC.
 - 12.3 Sara Ellen Preston, b. Aug. 4, 1956 at Hickory, NC.
 - 12.4 James Pearson Preston, b. Feb. 26, 1961 at Hickory, NC.
- 11.6 Charles William Pearson, b. Oct. 3, 1926 at Melrose m. Barbara Harrison, b. Sept. 10, 1932.
 - 12.1 Charles William Pearson Jr., b. Sept. 11, 1955.
 - 12.2 Debra Pearson, b. Sept. 27, 1956 at Statesville, NC.
 - 12.3 Lisa Pearson, b. Sept. 17, 1959 Ashville, NC.
- 11.7 Mary Isabel Pearson, b. March 1, 1912 at Melrose, m. Charles Jordan Hill, b. Jan. 6, 1910.
 - 12.1 Margaret Marie Hill, b. Feb. 11, 1939 at Ashville, NC., m. Willis Hage Foltz, b. June 23, 1928.
 - 12.2 Charles Jordan Hill Jr., b. July 23, 1941 at Ashville, NC., m. Maureen Krutchmeier, b. March 2, 1942.
 - 13.1 Charles William Hill, b. Oct. 25, 1965.
 - 13.2 Lynn Hill, b. May 4, 1967.
- 11.8 Jessie Lela Pearson, b. Aug 21, 1923 at Melrose, m. Lawrence Edward Short, b. Aug. 18, 1920.
 - 12.1 Lawrence Jeffrey Short, b. Feb. 9, 1948.
 - 12.2 Mary Emily Short, b. Nov. 13, 1952.
- 11.9 Margaret Pearson, b. Oct. 24, 1916 at Melrose, m. Frank Sullivan.
- 11.10 Vera Pearson, b. Jan. 13, 1928 at Polk County, NC., m. Tedd Bishop.
 - 12.1 Helen Lynn Bishop, b. Feb. 2 at Tryon NC.
 - 12.2 Margaret Leigh Bishop, b. Jan. at Greenville, SC.
 - 12.3 Erin Pearson Bishop, b. July 21 at Greenville, SC.
 - 12.4 Allyn Pearson Bishop, b. July 21 at Greenville, SC.

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- 11.11 Sophie Pearson, b. April 28, 1918 at Polk County, NC., m. John Willis Summers, b. Oct. 10, 1916.
 - 12.1 Julia Ann Summers, b. Sept. 11, 1943 at Tryon, NC. d. June 1985⁸ m. Robert Whitaker b. Oct. 7, 1939, d. June 1985⁸
 - 13.1 Robert Timothy Whitaker, b. March 14, 1961, d. June 1985⁸.
 - 13.2 Jill Ann Whitaker, b. April 10, 1963.
 - 13.3 Jessica June Whitaker, b. Jan. 7, 1967.
 - 12.2 Sandra Pearson Summers, b. July 28, 1949 at Tryon, NC., m. and had children, Tracy and Eric.
- 10.6 Sophie d'Auge Pearson, m. Marvin Wilkins.
 - 11.1 Elizabeth Wilkins, m. William Walker.
 - 12.1 Jane Walker.
 - 12.2 Thomas Walker.
 - 12.3 Virginia (Ginger) Walker.
 - 11.2 Creed Wilkins, m. Evelyn.
 - 12.1 Ann Wilkins.
 - 12.2 Susan Wilkins.
 - 11.3 Mary Wilkins, m. Clancy Locklee.
 - 11.4 Susan Wilkins, m. Roberson.
 - 11.5 Sophie Wilkins, m. Rev. Robert Parkinson.
 - 12.1 Caroline Parkinson.
 - 12.2 George Parkinson, d. in motor cycle accident, age 15.
 - 11.6 Charles Wilkins.
 - 11.7 Jone Wilkins, d.y.
- 9.10 CHARLES MARTIN SHEPARD, b. April 3, 1855, Elizabeth City, NC. d. Jan. 12, 1944, Mobile, AL, m. April 29, 1879 in Mobile, AL, Kate McRae Armor, b. Oct. 19, 1856, West Pascagoula, MS, d. March 6, 1933, Mobile AL. She was dau. of James Emile Armor and Isabella Olivia McRae.
 - 10.1 Isabel Shepard (1880-1953), d.s., had a teaching career beginning at Stuart Hall, a girls school, Staunton, VA, and established in Mobile along with her sister Kate, Shepard's Private School. These sisters also operated Camp La Motte, a camp located at Gautier, Mississippi. She was very active in Mobile's garden clubs and founded the now famous Mobile Azalea festival.
 - 10.2 Charles Martin Shepard Jr., of whom further.
 - 10.3 Horace Armor Shepard, of whom further.
 - 10.4 Kate McRae Shepard (1885-1952), d.s., like her sister Isabel, had a public and private school teaching career for over thirty five years, taught at Stuart Hall in VA, served as a Mobile Public School Principal, and one of

⁸ Died in an airplane crash.

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Mobile's elementary schools bears her name for her contribution to education in Mobile. She was in 1946, the first woman to run for a position on the Mobile County School Board and lost in a very close run off election. She was instrumental in the formation of Mobile's Child Day Care Center.

10.5 *Ruth Elizabeth Shepard*, of whom further.

10.2 CHARLES MARTIN SHEPARD Jr., b. Feb. 8, 1882, d. March 18, 1950 m. Jan. 11, 1917 Mary Evelyn Touchy, b. June 15, 1891, Lake Charles, LA, d. Oct. 19, 1982. He was a journalist, associated with the New Orleans Times Picayune, later Editor of the Mobile Post.

11.1 Mary Kate Shepard, b. May 30, 1918 at New Orleans, LA, m. May 13, 1940 by Rev. Gardiner C. Tucker at St. John's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL, to James Warren Cook, b. Sept 25, 1914.

12.1 James Warren Cook Jr., b. Mobile, AL June 24, 1943; education, Auburn - B.S. Physics, U. of A. - M.S. Physics, Clemson University - Ph.D.

12.2 Mary Shepard Cook, b. June 24, 1948; education, Auburn - B.S.; Professor Fla. Community College.

11.2 Charles Martin Shepard III, b. Sept. 9, 1920 in New Orleans, LA., a Coast Guard Academy graduate, retired from the service as Commander, and as a second career, was associated with Ingalls Shipbuilding in the building of Navy Ships. He m. July 11, 1942 in Washington, D. C. Mary Jane Avery, b. July 22, 1924 in Ingroton, CT.

12.1 Susan Sprow Shepard, b. June 21, 1943, Oakland, CA., m. August 14, 1965 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Pascagoula, MS. Alvon Humphrey Doty Jr., b. May 27, 1939, Sioux City, IA.

13.1 Alvon Humphrey Doty III, b. December 13, 1966 at Pascagoula, MS., d. July 14, 1983 in an auto accident.

13.2 Dean Shepard Doty, b. January 30, 1970 at Vicksburg, MS.

13.3 Christopher Avery Doty, b. December 13, 1972 at Vicksburg, MS.

12.2 Charles Martin Shepard IV., b. January 11, 1945, New London, CT., m. March 15, 1964, Rocky Mount, NC., Kathleen Jean Main, b. March 5, 1946 at Westerly, RI.

13.1 Daniel Lane Shepard, b. December 14, 1946 at Westerly, RI.

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- 13.2 Wilson Main Shepard, b. January 4, 1966 at Pascagoula, MS.
- 13.3 Susan Arlene Shepard, b. November 15, 1968 at Gainesville, FL., m. June 3, 1988 at Pascagoula, MS., Christopher Michael Bufkin, b. Nov. 18, 1969 at Lucedale, MS.
- 14.1 Christopher Michael Bufkin Jr., b. April 8, 1989 at Hampton, VA.
- 14.2 Janina Kay Bufkin, b. March 26, 1991 at Williamsburg, VA.
- 13.4 Peter Hesford Shepard, b. December 21, 1970 at Vicksburg, MS.
- 12.3 Dean Avery Shepard, b. February 23, 1950 at Mobile, AL., m. (1) September 11, 1970 at Livingston, AL., Susan Hollingsworth, b. January 1951 Birmingham, AL.; m. (2) August 5, 1978 at Gautier, MS. Marsha Lynn Mazingo, b. January 22, 1953 at Hattiesburg, MS.
 - ch. m. (1)
 - 13.1 Dean Avery Shepard, Jr., b. April 25, 1973 at Natchez, MS.
 - 13.2 Sally Colleen Shepard, b. February 12, 1977 at Natchez, MS.
 - ch. m. (2)
 - 13.3 Elizabeth Ann Shepard, b. December 28, 1981 at Pascagoula, MS.
- 12.4 Mary Kate Shepard, b. November 25, 1959, at Fort Eustis, VA.
- 11.3 Louis Victor Shepard, b. Aug. 25, 1922 in Biloxi, MS.; education, Auburn University 1944, Civil Engineering, career with Texaco then Chevron Oil Refineries, m. June 3, 1950 in Northridge Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX., Irene Louise Payne, b. Feb. 11, 1928 in Dallas TX.; education, Southern Methodist University, B.A. in Spanish, 1948, career as Language Teacher.
- 12.1 Robert Payne Shepard, b. March 15, 1953 in Port Arthur TX.; education, University of South Alabama, English Degree in 1975, University of Mississippi, Law Degree in 1978, career as Lawyer in Lucedale, MS., m. May 15, 1981 in Lucedale MS. Nancy Elizabeth Eubanks
- 13.1 Zachary Robert Shepard, b. August 30, 1984.

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12.2 Steve Shepard, b. March 23, 1955 in Port Arthur, TX.; education, University of South Alabama, B.A. Fine Arts, career as Teacher, Artist, and Author, m. (1) March 17, 1978 at the Louis Shepard's Gautier MS. home, Sona Holman from San Rafael CA., div. 1979., (2) July 6, 1985 Janne Gregory Lebow, b. Chase City, VA.; education, William & Mary College, B.A. English, Hollins College, VA., M.A. Degree, and University of Southern Mississippi, Ph.D. Degree, career as Teacher and Author.

12.3 Sara Louise Shepard, b. July 20, 1957 in Dallas TX.; education, University of Southern Mississippi, B.S. Music, career as a Musical Performer, m. April 26, 1986 in Gautier Presbyterian Church Michael Robert Guest, b. 1954 Cowpens SC.; education, So East Teck University, Electronic Engineering, career in Hazadous Waste Disposal, Nashville, TN.

13.1 Joel Shepard Guest, b. March 7, 1990, Nashville, TN.

10.3 HORACE ARMOR SHEPARD, b. July 16, 1883, Marion⁹ AL, d. Oct. 23, 1973 in Mobile AL, m. (1) Dec. 16, 1909, Annie Caroline Hand, b. Dec. 9, 1887, Purvis, MS, d. June 29, 1950 in Mobile, AL. She was dau. of James Hand and Azubah Cragin. Horace graduated from Yale University in 1904, went into the lumber business in Mississippi, working for his father-in-law, then he was in the hardwood lumber import business in New Orleans. He moved back to Mobile and during World War II, worked for the Gulf Shipbuilding Company, then with the City of Mobile until his retirement. Late in life, m. (2) Agnes Gunter.

11.1 Anne Hawthorne Shepard, b. Nov. 16, 1910, Mobile, AL, d. Jan. 9, 1974 in Mobile. Her first year of college was at Sophie Newcomb in New Orleans, the next year, at the University of Alabama, and her last two years was spent at Mississippi State College for Women, she was a high school French teacher until her marriage Dec. 19, 1936 in Mobile to Edward Oliver Fowlkes, Jr., he was a graduate of Auburn University, and worked with the United States Corps Of Engineers until his retirement in Mobile. Due to failing health he moved to Atlanta GA, to be near two of his daughters and died in that city. Anne and Edward had requested that their bodies be left to science and both requests were fulfilled.

⁹ Mrs. Shepard lived in Mobile and while visiting relatives in Marion AL, her son Horace was born.

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- 12.1 Mary Anne Fowlkes Ph.D., b. Dec. 31, 1937 and follows her career as University Professor.
 - 12.2 Edward Oliver Fowlkes III, b. Nov. 12, 1939, m. (1) Diane, (2) Martha Richmond, (3) Mary Harvy. He was a Faculty member, Hampshire College then later established his law practice in Boston.
Children m. (2):
 - 13.1 Abigail (Abbie) Fowlkes, b. July 6, 1976.
 - 13.2 Margaret (Maggie) Fowlkes, b. July 6, 1976.
 - 12.3 Agnes Rowland Fowlkes, b. March 27, 1945, m. Hobart Blakeslee.
 - 13.1 Melissa Anne Blakeslee, b. July 4, 1970.
 - 13.2 Victoria Blakeslee, b. Dec. 25, 1973.
 - 12.4 Caroline Shepard Fowlkes, b. Jan. 31, 1947, m. 1979, Joe Callahan.
- 11.2 Horace Armor Shepard Jr., b. Nov. 15 1912, Purvis, MS, m. Sept. 8, 1936, Lulie Lesesne Dunbar, b. July 12, 1914, dau. of Percy Ker Dunbar and Lucy Rickarby Lesesne.

After graduating from Auburn University as an Aeronautical Engineer he was accepted in the Air Force for special training at Randolph Field, San Antonio, TX, this was prior to the formation of the United States Air Force Academy. He planned a brief hitch, but 13 years later found himself, at age 35, the youngest general in the Air Force and, four years later, Director of Procurement and Engineering at the Pentagon. Horace joined in 1951, Thompson Products of Cleveland, Ohio, which evolved into TRW, a Fortune 500 company, entering as Vice President and assistant to the General Manager and became President in 1962, later its Chairman of the Board and C E O.

While TRW made a major contribution to every United States space project, and for its part in the design and production of the engine to soft-land men on the moon, Horace received a tremendous feeling of gratitude as he watched with tears, his engines work flawlessly for this historic event.

Horace served as a director for several corporations including the Federal Reserve, Proctor & Gamble and was on the board of Standard Oil of Ohio, when it took the lead in the planning and construction of the Alaska Pipe Line.

- 12.1 Lucy Carolyn Shepard, b. March 23, 1939, m. Oct. 20, 1962 Lawrence (Mike) Drake Milligan Jr., b. April 6, 1936.
 - 13.1 Michael Drake Milligan III, b. Nov. 8, 1963.

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- 13.2 Carolyn Shepard Milligan, b. Jan. 11, 1967, m.
Sept. 19, 1992 Lance Patrick Hartshorn.
- 12.2 Katherine (Kay) Ker Shepard, b. March 10, 1941, m.
April 24, 1965 John Temple Boone, Jr., b. Dec. 6,
1935.
 - 13.1 Horace Shepard Boone, b. Jan. 14, 1967.
 - 13.2 Katherine Dunbar Boone, b. Nov. 26, 1968.
 - 13.3 John Temple Boone III, b. Dec. 18, 1970.
- 12.3 Anne Dunbar Shepard, b. Feb. 4, 1945, m. Aug. 21,
1971 William Hunter Nuckols, b. May 27, 1947.
 - 13.1 William Shepard Nuckols, b. Oct. 17, 1978.
 - 13.2 Virginia Lesesne Nuckols, b. Sept. 13, 1979.
 - 13.3 Katherine Fitzhugh Nuchols, b. Feb. 5, 1982.
- 11.3 Richard Cragin Shepard b. April 21, 1921, New Orleans, LA,
m. Kathleen Mary Scrutton of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, b.
May 25, 1923, whom he met while stationed with the Eight
Army Corps during W.W.II. He attended Auburn in 1940, then
the University of Hawaii. He was staying with his brother,
Horace Shepard, stationed with the Air Force at Hickam
Field when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7,
1941. Attended U. of London 1950-1951. Richard transfered
from Brookley Field AFB Mobile, Alabama in August 1967 to
McClellan AFB Sacramento, California where he worked in
Aircraft Repair & Maintenance until he retired in 1983.
 - 12.1 Michael Cragin Shepard, b. Sept. 2, 1949, Ipswich
England.
 - 12.2 Rebecca Mary Shepard, b. May 19, 1952, graduate
California State University Sacramento, B.A.
Geography, m. Aug. 19, 1978 David Manfred Pevny,
b. Sept 28, 1946, graduate Univ. of Oregon B.A.
Economics & Masters Urban Planning.
 - 13.1 Andrew Michael Pevny, b. Oct. 29, 1980.
 - 13.2 Brian Matthew Pevny, b. May 8, 1986.
 - 12.3 Jane Ekers Shepard, b. May 19, 1957, Graduate
California State University Scramento, B.A. Fine Arts
& Child Development, m. March 12, 1983 Timothy
Ignatius Grunewald, b. Dec. 13, 1955, graduate
California State University Sacramento B.S. Biology.
 - 13.1 Megan Elizabeth Grunewald, b. Aug. 18, 1986.
 - 13.2 Christopher Timothy Grunewald, b. June 7, 1989.
 - 12.4 David Edward Shepard, b. Jan. 7, 1961, graduate
American River College, Scramento, Business Data
Processing, m. July 6, 1985 Sandra Dianne Thurston,
b. Nov. 6, 1956.
 - 13.1 Emily Anne Shepard, b. Dec. 8, 1987.
 - 13.2 Thomas Allen Thurston Shepard., b. May 4, 1990.

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- 12.5 Elizabeth Hilda Shepard, b. Nov. 27, 1965, graduate California State University Sacramento, B.A. Liberal Arts & Music, m. March 31, 1990 Andrew Franklin Dano, b. July 15, 1962, C130 Navigator, U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak Alaska.
- 11.4 Caroline Noel Shepard, b. December 25, 1922, New Orleans, LA, graduate Mississippi State College for Women and taught 26 years at St. Paul's Episcopal School, Mobile, AL, m. October 8, 1948 in Christ Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL, Sam Black St. John, b. Nov. 20, 1918, Mobile, AL., son of Thomas Gaines St. John and Mariam Bealer Black. He was a Captain, Signal Corps in W.W.II, in the Real Estate and Insurance business, served as president of the Mobile Association of Insurance Agents, president of the Alba Hunting and Fishing Club and vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- 12.1 Sally Strother St. John, b. October 3, 1950, Mobile, Alabama, graduate, Converse College, Spartanburg, VA, m. Jan. 6, 1979 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile AL, Christopher Gadsden Hume III, b. April 21, 1948, Mobile, AL. He is an attorney and the son of Christopher Gadsden Hume Jr. and Susan Rainer Pharr. Christopher Hume III was m. 1st. to Larine Buffet, and they have a daughter, Katherine Heather Hume, b. June 5, 1969. She spells her name Catherine by preference.
- 13.1 Christopher Gadsden Hume IV, b. Dec. 12, 1980.
- 13.2 Sarah Britten Hume, b. July 27, 1984.
- 12.2 Carolyn Hand St. John, b. June 29, 1952, graduate, Stratford College, Danville, VA, m. March 10, 1979 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL, James Arthur Latham III, b. December 10, 1952, graduate, University of South Alabama.
- 13.1 James Arthur Latham IV, b. June 29, 1982.
- 13.2 Julie St. John Latham, b. Dec. 30, 1987.
- 12.3 Mariam Gaines St. John, b. January 28, 1955, Mobile, AL, graduate, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, m. April 28, 1990 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL, Danny Rollie Holland, b. April 25, 1955, Scottsburg, IN.
- 12.4 Samuel Black St. John Jr., b. July 17, 1956, Mobile AL., graduate University of Alabama in Chemical Engineering, m. July 27, 1979, in Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, AL, Linda McDonough, b. Sept. 19, 1957, Mobile, AL, graduate, University of Alabama.

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- 13.1 Shelby Chapman St. John, b. Oct. 27, 1983.
- 13.2 Samuel Black St. John III, b. Feb. 5, 1985.
- 13.3 Jeffrey Gaines St. John, b. Dec. 6, 1987.
- 10.5 RUTH ELIZABETH SHEPARD, b. Feb. 19, 1887, d. July 8, 1947,
m. Matthew L. Davis, Jr., b. July 11, 1886, d. Nov. 8,
1958.
 - 11.1 Charles S. Davis, b. Aug 13, 1910, education, Auburn
University, Ph.D., taught at Auburn, Florida State,
and was President of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC.
He m. (1) Mary G. Merritt, of Montgomery, Al., m. (2)
Jo Poole, of Rock Hill, SC.
Children m. (1):
 - 12.1 Mary B. Davis, b. Apr. 22, 1939, m. Charles
Atherton.
 - 12.2 Catherine Davis, b. Oct. 20, 1940, m. Antoine
Vine.
 - 12.3 Charlotte Davis, b. Nov. 2, 1946, m. Dr. Strait
Failey.
 - 11.2 Annie Laurie Davis, b. Jan. 12, 1912, m. Fred
Donaldson, b. July 9, 1925, no ch.
 - 11.3 Catherine Davis, b. Jan. 2, 1915, m. Kendrick Cooke,
of Pensacola FL., b. Sept. 3, 1911.
 - 12.1 Ruth Cooke, b. Dec. 27, 1946, m. Jack Pascal.
 - 12.3 Kendrick Cooke Jr, b. Oct. 26, 1955, m. Pat
Campbell.
 - 11.4 Elane Davis, b. May 17, 1917, m. Dr. Wade Camdon
Lamberth, b. July 1, 1909 Alexander City, AL.
 - 12.1 Dr. Wade Camdon Lamberth Jr., b. Oct. 15, 1941,
he is a Cardiologist at University of Alabama
Hospital, Birmingham, AL.
 - 12.2 Elane Lee Lamberth, b. June 5, 1944, m. Stan
Golden, Ph.D.
 - 12.3 Charles Davis Lamberth, b. July 12, 1947.
 - 12.4 Margaret Lamberth, b. June 25, 1950, m. Wayne
Fuller.
 - 11.5 Matthew L. Davis III, b. Jan 4, 1921, d. Oct. 10,
1990, d.s.
- 9.13 EDWARD BRUCE SHEPARD, b. 1858, d. April 30, 1936, m. Catherine
(Kate) Taschenberger, b. Enterprise MS., d. March 7, 1951 age
85, a graduate of Tuscaloosa Female College, dau. of Frederick
Taschenberger and Elizabeth Smith Trueheart. She was the widow
of Dr. James Trueheart and by him had four sons and one dau-
ghter. After his death she became head mistress of the first
co-educational school in Alabama at Livingston. Frederick
Taschenberger was a professor in a school at Enterprise, MS.

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- 10.1 Sophie Mary Shepard, d.s.
- 10.2 Daniel Trueheart Shepard, b. Nov. 28, 1887,
d. Feb. 14, 1975, d.s.
- 10.3 Evelyn Belmont Shepard, b. July 16, 1889,
d. Feb. 6, 1982, d.s.
- 10.4 Edward Bruce Shepard, b. July 12, 1893,
d. May 10, 1948, d.s.
- 10.5 Charles Casnove Shepard, b. July 18, 1895,
d. Jan 21, 1975 d.s.
- 10.6 Frances Barbour Shepard, b. November 12, 1900, m.
Thomas Joseph Burns Jr., a graduate of Spring Hill
College, Mobile AL. and he was associated with his
father in Dreaper and Burns Clothing Store, Mobile, AL.
- 11.1 Catherine Burns, m. Charles Hewback Foster,
attended Spring Hill College and graduate of
Auburn University.
- 12.1 Mary Catherine Foster, b. June 7, 1956, m.
Edward L. Pipkin.
 - 13.1 C. Leigh Pipkin, b. July 3, 1983.
 - 13.2 Lindsey Marie Pipkin, b. April 17, 1986.
 - 13.3 Charles Edward Pipkin.
- 12.2 Frances Anne Foster, b. May 5, 1957.
- 12.3 Charlotte Shepard Foster, b. March 15, 1959,
m. Stephen James Longfield.
 - 13.1 Stephen James Longfield Jr., b. October
26, 1986.
 - 13.2 Katherine Elizabeth Longfield, b. March
13, 1989.
- 12.4 Charles Joseph Foster, b. Feb 18, 1960, m.
Deborah Kaye Allen.
 - 13.1 Sarah Kaye Foster, b. Aug. 23, 1991
- 12.5 Thomas Burns Foster, b. July 16, 1961, m.
Carol Snell (Nicholson).
 - 13.1 Thomas Burns Foster Jr., b. October
10, 1991.
- 12.6 Vivian Elizabeth Foster, b. June 23, 1964, m.
Timothy Ezell Lovorn.
 - 13.1 Timothy Foster Lovorn, b. Aug. 26, 1987.
 - 13.2 Matthew Charles Lovorn, b. Aug. 14, 1991.
- 12.7 Margaret Rose Foster, b. December 1, 1969.
- 10.7 Catherine Smith Shepard, b. October 20, 1902.
- 10.8 Susan Bruce Shepard, d.s.
- 10.9 Robert Hardy Shepard, m. Gertrude Reed. He was named after
Robert Hardy Smith who was Kate's uncle and signer of the
Constitution of the Confederacy.

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LE BLOUNT, OTHERWISE BLOUNT

Motto---"LUX TUA VIA MEA"

*Arms---*BARRY, NEBULE OF SIX, OR AND SABLE.

*Crest---*AN ARMED BOOT IN THE SUN.

This very ancient Family has given birth to three distinct races of Peers, viz:--the Lords of Guines, in France, the Barons of Ixworth, in Suffolk, (which Barons ceased with SIR WILLIAM LE BLOUNT, Baron of Ixworth, who was slain fighting under banner of Mountford, Earl of Leicester at the battle of Lewes); and the Barons of Mountjoy, of Turronton, Co. Derby, which Barony expired in 1681. See *Burke's Extinct Peerage*.

Its settlement in England is traced to the Conquest, and its genealogy deduced from the Biondi or Blondi of Italy.

Rodolph, 3rd Count of Guines = Rosetta, dau. of Count St Pol

Sir Robert Le Blount, 1st
Baron of Ixworth,
= Gundovda, dau. of Henry
Earl of Ferrers.

Gilbert Le Blount, 2nd
Baron of Ixworth, through
William Le Blount, 6th
Baron of Ixworth, who fell
at the battle of Lewis, 14
May, 1264 and had no issue.
The family representation
devolved to his uncle.

Sir William Le Blount was a
General of foot at Hastings,
and had grants of seven lord-
ships in Lincolnshire. His son
was seated at Saxlingham, in
Norfolk, and the great-grand-
daughter of that gentlemen,
Maria Le Blount, sole heiress
of her line, marrying in the
next century, Sir Stephen
Le Blount, uniting the families
of the two brothers.

Sir Stephen Le Blount,
= Maria Le Blount, heiress
of Saxlingham.

Sir Robert Le Blount, = Isabel, dau. of Lord of Odintals.

Sir John Le Blount, = Constance, dau. of Sir Richard
de Wrotham.

Sir Ralph Le Blount

Sir William Le Blount, = Lady Isabel de Beauchamp, dau. of
William, first Earl of Warwick.

Sir Walter Le Blount, = Johanna, dau. of Sir William de
Knight of Ockha, d. 1332. | Sodington.

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[Sir William Le Blount, = Margaret, dau. of Theobald de Verdon.
Sir John Le Blount, = Isolda, dau. of Sir Thomas Mountjoy.

[Sir George Le Blount, = Eleanor, dau. of William Norwood, Esq.
Knight of Sodington,
d. 1667.

[Sir Walter Blount, Knt., who was = Elizabeth, dau. of George
created Baronet 5 Oct. 1642. Wylde, Esq., of Droitwich,
Co. Worcester.

[They had four surviving sons, and four daughters. All of the
sons, like their father, bore arms under the Royal Banner.

Sir Walter was succeeded at his death by his eldest son, Sir
George who married Mary, dau. and heiress of Richard Kirkham,
of Blagdon, Co. Devon, Esq. Their issue listed as well as the
above lineage in *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the
Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire*, by John Burke,
Esq. and J. Bernard Burke, Esq.

The other three sons, on the Restoration of Charles II, emi-
grated to Virginia. Capt. James Blount m. Ann, dau. of Balthazar
Willis of Ipswich, MA., living on the Isle of Wight County VA,
1660, but moved to North Carolina in 1669. Thomas Blount, third
son of Sir Walter, came to Virginia in 1664, then settled in
North Carolina on the Taw or Pamlico River in 1673.

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Sir Walter Blount, Knt., of = Elizabeth, dau. of George Wylde,
Sodington, Worcestshire, Esq., of Droitwitch Co. Worcester.
England, crated Baronet
Oct. 5, 1642.

Capt. James Blount = Ann Willis

Thomas Blount = Unknown

James Blount
Thomas Blount
John Blount = Elizabeth Davis
1669-1725
Ann Blount
Elizabeth Blount

Thomas Blount II = Ann Reading
John Blount
James Blount
Benjamin Blount
Jacob Blount, a twin.
Esau Blount, a twin.

Mary Blount
Elizabeth Blount
Sarah Blount
Martha Blount
Esther Blount
John Blount II, = Sarah Vail
b. May 15, 1706
Thomas Blount
James Blount
Ann Blount
Joseph Blount
Rachel Blount
Charles Worth Blount

Reading Blount
James Blount
John Blount
Jacob Blount = (1) Barbara Gray
(2) Hannah Salter
(3) Mary Adams

William Blount = Mary Grainger
Ann Blount
John Grey Blount
Louisa Blount
Reading Blount
Thomas Blount
Jacob Blount
Barbara Blount

James Blount = Miss Hall

Frederick Blount = Sarah Williams
Wilson Blount
Elizabeth Blount
Martha Blount
Mary Blount

Ann Blount = Henry Tool.
Mary L. Blount = P. Miller.
Wm. Granger Blount
Richard B. Blount
Barbara Blount = Gen. Gaines.
Eliza Blount = Dr. E. Wiatt.

Fredrick Blount = Rachel Bryan

Fredrick S. Blount = Emily James,
b. Nov. 13, 1808 of Mobile, AL.

Willie Blount, Gov. of TN.
George Little Blount

Mary Blount, 1770-1864. = William Shepard, 1765-1819, son of Jacob
1770-1864 Shepard, 1734-1819, and Sarah Lewis,
d. July 29, 1792.

See The Shepard Family.

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BLOUNT FAMILY¹

In England the Blount family can be carried back for many generations. With William the Conqueror three young Blounts, sons of Guisnes went to England. From two of them the English family sprang and in the succeeding years changed the family name less than most of the conquering Normans, for it now appears almost as written then.

As years passed, the Blounts, were always active and partisan, and servrd causes as their interest and loyalties directed. So William le Blount, sixth Baron Ixworth, fell battling for Simon at Lewis, and later Sir Walter of Sodington served Charles I too well during the campaigns of the civil war. For this service brought no rewards but suffering and imprisonment at Oxford and the Tower. Moreover, the restored Stuart's gratitude proved greater than his generosity and Walter Blount had four ambitious sons and four daughters to equip and dower. Ever enterprising, several Blounts had been among the gentry interested in the establishment of the colony of Virginia, and two of Walter's sons, James and Thomas, arrived in Virginia with family crest and some financial supply in 1664, settling in the Isle of Wight County.

Few family names are more identified with North Carolina and Tennessee. Heitman's Historical Register gives six Blounts as officers in the Revolution and every one is given as a resident of North Carolina, showing that the Blount family in America is practically all from this one North Carolina-Tennessee line, or at least, that during the period of the Revolution there were no other Blounts in America. Because of this close family relationship and to satisfy the desire of all Blount family members to know their "Kith and Kin," and of their relationship to the distinguished Blount brothers, Tennessee Governors, the lineage of both emigrant sons of Sir Walter Blount, namely James and Thomas, are included herein.

¹ Sources used for this family lineage was taken from, (1) Ancestral Records and Portraits, a Compilation from the Archives of Chapter I., Colonial Dames of America; (2) Notable Southern Families, Compiled by Zella Armstrong, Vol. I-II; (3) The Abridged Compendium of America Genealogy, First Families of America, Vol. II, Page 101 by Frederick Adams Virkus; (4) William Blount, Page 2, By William H. Masterson; and (5) A photocopy of a Genealogy of The Family Le Blount, Otherwise Blount, English and American, with notation, "For my dear daughter Emily from her father, F. S. Blount, Mobile, November 14, 1885. See Appendix A.

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FIRST GENERATION

- 1.1 SIR WALTER BLOUNT, Knight, was created a Baronet, 5th October 1642, married Elizabeth, dau. of George Wylde, Esq, of Droitwich, Co., Worcestshire, England, and was a Captain in Life Guards of Charles II. He had four sons and four daughters.

LINEAGE OF CAPT. JAMES BLOUNT, SON OF SIR WALTER BLOUNT

SECOND GENERATION

- 2.1 CAPTAIN JAMES BLOUNT brought with him a copper plate of the armorial bearings of his family, which was destroyed by his great grandson, James B. Shepard, when a candidate on the Democratic ticket for Governor 1850. He was living in Isle of Wight County VA, 1660, but moved to North Carolina in 1669, became one of the leaders in the colony. He was Captain of the Militia, a member of the Court, and one of the Lords Proprietors' Deputies. His home was "Mulberry Hill," near Edenton, on Albemarle Sound. He married Ann, the daughter of Balthazar Willis of Ipswich, MA, and the widow of Robert Roscoe of Roanoke. After James Blount's death, in 1686, his widow m. (3) Seth Sothel, Governor of North Carolina and m. (4) Colonel John Lear of Nansemond County, VA.

Children of James Blount and Ann:

- 3.1 James Blount.
3.2 Thomas Blount.
3.3 John Blount, of whom further.
3.4 Ann Blount.
3.5 Elizabeth.

THIRD - NINTH GENERATIONS

- 3.3 JOHN BLOUNT², the third son, b. September 16, 1669 in Chowan Precinct, d. March 17, 1725. He was elected to nearly every office in the colony. A member of the vestry of St. Paul's Parish, Edenton, 1701, he served for several years; a member of the Assembly 1704 and 1711; Justice of the General Court many years, and appointed on the Council as one of the Lords Proprie-

² Notable Southern Families by Zella Armstrong states: he married and left ten children, six daughters and four sons. Three of the six daughters married and left children, the Worleys, Midgets, Manns, and other North Carolina families come through these daughters. The sons were. John Blount II, Thomas Blount, James Blount, and Joseph Blount.

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tors' Deputies 1722. He lived and died at "Mulberry Hill," the plantation left him by his father. He was married, June 4, 1695, by Captain John Fendall, to Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Mary (Burton) Davis, of Henrice County, VA. She was b. February 18, 1679 and d. 1733.

4.1 Mary Blount, b. April 8, 1696.

4.2 Elizabeth Blount, Dec. 19, 1697.

4.3 Sarah Blount, Jan. 26, 1699.

4.4 Martha Blount, b. May 23, 1702.

4.5 Esther Blount, March 17, 1703.

4.6 *John Blount II, of whom further.*

4.7 Thomas Blount, b. 1709, m. and left one dau.

Child:

5.1 Winnifred Blount, m. Whitmel Hill of Marin, NC.

4.8 James Blount, b. 1710, m. and left two dau. as well as several descendants that are illegitimate.

Children:

5.1 Nancy Blount, m. Dempsey Connor.

Child:

6.1 Frances Clark Pollock Connor, m. her cousin

(1) Joseph Blount III, m. (2) William Hill.

5.2 Betsy Blount, m. Jeremiah Vail.

4.9 Ann Blount, b. March 17, 1712.

4.10 Joseph Blount, b. 1715, d. 1777, m. (1) Sarah

Durant, b. Feb. 14, 1747, d. Oct. 10, 1807, m. (2)

Elizabeth Scarborough.

Child m. (1):

5.1 Sarah Blount, m. William Littlejohn.

Children m. (2):

5.2 Lemuel Edwards Blount, who was drowned.

5.2 Joseph Blount II, m. (1) Lydia Bonner, m. (2)

Ann Gray, dau. of William Gray and Bertie County.

Children m. (1):

6.1 John Bonner Blount, m. Mary Mutter and had ch. Thomas Blount, and others.

6.2 Mary Blount, m. William T. Muse and had William T. Muse II, and others.

Children m. (2):

6.3 Joseph Blount III, b. 1785, m. his cousin Frances Clark Pollock Connor, son Joseph IV, d.s.

6.4 Frances Lee Blount, m. Henderson Standin, son William H. Standin.

6.5 Sarah Elizabeth Blount, d.s.p.

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6.6 Elizabeth Ann Blount, m. John Cheshire.

Child:

7.1 Eleanor Gray Blount Cheshire, m. John Cox,
dau. Ann P. B. Cox, m. William Epps, of
Halifax, NC.

4.11 Rachel Blount.

4.12 Charles Worth Blount.

4.6 COLONEL JOHN BLOUNT II, b. "Mulberry Hill," May 15, 1706,
d. there February 10, 1754. He was a Colonel of the
Militia, Receiver of the Port of Roanoke, Justice of the
Peace 1731, and a member of the Assembly 1739 and 1740. He
m. Sarah Elizabeth, the dau. of Jeremiah and Mary
(Lillington) Vail. See VAIL FAMILY.

Children:

5.1 James Blount, of whom further.

5.2 Frederick, of whom further.

5.3 Wilson Blount.

5.4 Elizabeth Blount, m. John B. Beasley.

5.5 Martha Blount.

5.6 Mary (Ann) Blount, m. Rev Charles Pettigrew, first
Bishop of North Carolina.

Children:

6.1 Ebenezer Pettigrew, Member of Congress, who m. his
cousin Anne Shepard and left two daughters and
listed sons.

Children:

7.1 William S. Pettigrew.

7.2 General James Johnston Pettigrew.

7.3 Charles I. Pettigrew.

5.1 JAMES BLOUNT, m. Ann Hall.

Children:

6.1 Clement Hall Blount, d.s. 1842.

6.2 Sarah Porter Blount, m. James B. Fuller, d.s.p.

6.3 Frederick Blount, a Physician, d. Sept. 5, 1823, m.
Rachel Bryan, widow of James Bryan, (whoes maiden
name was Rachel Herritage, dau. of Col.
John Herritage.) She d. Sept. 18, 1842.

Children:

7.1 Federick Spight Blount, of whom further.

7.2 Ann Maria Blount, b. June 12, 1810, d. Oct. 8,
1822.

7.3 Mary Elizabeth Blount, b. Feb. 14, 1813,
d.s.p., Sept. 15, 1832.

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- 7.4 Caroline Herritage Blount, b. Oct. 31, 1814, m.
(1) William H. Washington, a descendant of
Laurence Washington, he d. in St. Louis April
3, 1867, they had two children, (2) Francis
Webster, Esq. of St. Louis, d. 1870.
 - 7.5 Alexander Clement Blount, b. Oct. 19, 1816, m.
Julia Washington, sister of William H.
Washington.
 - 7.6 Herritage Wistar Blount, b. April 21, 1821, m.
Miss. Whitefield.
- 7.1 FEDERICK³ SPIGHT BLOUNT, emigrated from North Carolina to
Alabama in 1831 and m. Dec. 19, 1835, (1) Emily James, b.
Oct. 5, 1816, youngest dau. of Col. Samuel James, of Clark
County, m. (2) July 11, 1872 in the City of New York, Anna
Kirk Fackler, widow of Calvin Fackler, Esq., and dau. of
John Kirk, Esq., of Memphis, TN.

Children m. (1):

- 8.1 Mary Fearn Blount, b. Mobile AL, Jan. 12, 1837, d. Oct.
27, 1858, in the same year of her marriage to George W.
Sizer of New Orleans.
- 8.2 Samuel James Blount, b. Feb. 7, 1838, d. inf.
- 8.3 Burwell Boykin Blount, b. Dec. 11, 1839 and was killed
by a cannon ball at the battle of Wynn's Mill, near
Yorktown, VA on Easter Sunday, April 20, 1862.
- 8.4 Emily James Blount, b. March 31, 1841, m. Baron Henri
Arnous De Riviere, of Paris France. They were first
married May 29, 1865 in a religious service in Madrid,
Spain, and afterwards on July 4, 1865 in Paris, at the
Mayoralty of the 2nd Arrondissement, where the civil
marriage was celebrated.

Children m. (1):

- 9.1 Emilie Marie Claire Arnous De Riviere, b. March 6,
1866, at the Chateau de Natou, near Lausanne,
Switzerland.
- 9.2 Henri Frederic Benoit Arnous De Riviere, b. January
9, 1868 in Paris at 31 Rue d'Anjou St Honore.
- 9.3 Sabine Marguerite Arnous De Riviere, b. February
13, 1870, in Nashville, TN.

³ The Genealogy of the Blount Family given by F. S. Blount to his
daughter Emily, dated Mobile October 14, 1885, printed by
Caldwell Brothers, Edinburgh, has the name Frederic, however all
other records list this name as Frederick.

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- 5.2 FREDERICK BLOUNT, was Clerk of the Court of Pasquotauk County NC, 1772, m. April 5, 1769, Mary, dau. of Stephen and Sarah Williams, she had been the widow of Samuel Swann III.

Child:

- 6.1 MARY BLOUNT, b. June 13, 1773, d. October 12, 1864, m. May 12, 1793 William Shepard of New Bern NC. See THE SHEPARD FAMILY, this volume for their descendents.

LINEAGE OF THOMAS BLOUNT, SON OF SIR WALTER BLOUNT

SECOND GENERATION

- 2.1 THOMAS BLOUNT, the third son of Sir Walter Blount of Sodington, Worcestshire, England, came to Virginia in 1664, then setteled in North Carolina on the Taw or Pamlico River in 1673. He married though we do not know whom, and had six sons. It is said that the great Tuscarora Chief King Blount who was devoted to the white people in the Indian wars had his name in honor of one of these six Blounts, having formed a deep attachment for him. Five of the six sons have left no obtainable record.

- 3.1 *Thomas Blount II*, of whom further.
3.2 John Blount.
3.3 James Blount.
3.4 Benjamin Blount.
3.5 Jacob Blount, a twin.
3.6 Esau Blount, a twin.

THIRD GENERATION

- 3.1 Thomas Blount II, m. Ann Reading, (given sometimes as Elizabeth Reading.)
4.1 Reading Blount, left des.
4.2 James Blount, left des.
4.3 John Blount, left des.
4.4 *Jacob Blount*, of whom further.

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FOURTH GENERATION

- 4.4 JACOB BLOUNT, b. 1726, d. 1779, m. 1748 (1) Barbara Gray, m. (2) Mrs. Hannah (Salter) Baker, m. (3) Mrs. Mary Adams, by whom no children.

Children by m. (1):

- 5.1 William Blount, of whom further.
- 5.2 Ann Blount.
- 5.3 John Gray Blount, of whom further.
- 5.4 Louisa Blount, m. Richard Blackledge.
- 5.5 Reading Blount, of whom further.
- 5.6 Thomas Blount, b. 1759, m. (1) Patsy Baker, m. (2) Mary Summer, d.s.p.
- 5.7 Jacob Blount, m. (1) his cousin, Ann Collins, dau. of Josiah Collins and had children, m. (2) Mrs. Augustus Harver, a widow, they had no children.
- 5.8 Barbara Blount.

Children by m. (2)

- 5.9 Willie Blount, of whom further.
- 5.10 Sharp Blount, m. b. 1771, d. 1810 m. Penelope Little, dau. of Colonel George Little.
Children:
 - William Little Blount, d.s.p.
 - Jacob Blount, d.s.p.
 - George Little Blount, and left children.

FIFTH GENERATION

- 5.1 WILLIAM BLOUNT, b. Craven County, NC in 1749, m. Mary Grainger, of Wilmington, dau. of Colonel Caleb Grainger. William and Mary lie in the old church yard in Knoxville, which city they helped to found. He was elected a member of the legislature in 1783 and was elected to the Continental Congress in 1782-83-86-87. He sat in the convention that formed the constitution of the United States in 1787. Immediately upon the cession of what is now Tennessee by North Carolina, to the Federal Government President Washington appointed William Blount Territorial Governor. This was by the way, a somewhat important position for he was appointed "Governor of the Territories of the United States South of the Ohio."

He was elected Senator from the State of Tennessee when the territory became a state and he was expelled from the Senate, for alleged treasonable practices in endeavoring to incite the Indians to hostilities again-

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st Spain. Despite this action of the Federal Senate he was admired and loved in Tennessee and immediately after his expulsion, the member from Knox resigned his seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives that William Blount might be elected to it and become its speaker.

- 6.1 Ann Blount, m. (1) Henry Irwin Tool
- 6.2 Mary Louisa Blount, m. Pleasant M. Miller, left several children, one Barbar Miller, m. William H. Stephens.
- 6.3 William Granger Blount, Congressman, d.s.
- 6.4 Richard Blackledge Blount, m. left children.
- 6.5 Barbara Blount, b. September 16, 1792, d. Nov. 27, 1836 in the home of James Gaines Lyon on Government street, Mobile AL; m. Gen. Edmund Pendleton Gaines, his 2nd wife, son E. P Gaines, d.s.
- 6.6 Eliza Blount, m. Dr. Edwin Wiatt, d.s.p.

- 5.3 JOHN GRAY BLOUNT, a companion of Danial Boon but settled in Washington NC, m. Mary Harver, dau. of Colonel Miles Harvey.

- 6.1 Thomas Harvey Blount.
- 6.2 John Gray Blount II.
- 6.3 Polly Ann Blount.
- 6.4 William Augustus Blount.
- 6.5 Lucy Olivia Blount.
- 6.7 Baker Blount.

- 5.5 READING BLOUNT, b. 1757, d. 1807, m. Lucy Harvey. dau. of Colonel Miles Harvey and sister to his brother, John Gray's wife (who was Mary Harvey.) He was a Major in the Revolution.

- 6.1 Polly Blount.
- 6.2 Louisa Blount.
- 6.3 Willie Blount.
- 6.4 Caroline Jones Blount.
- 6.5 Reading Blount II, m. left son, Reading III.

- 5.9 WILLIE BLOUNT, b. 1768, the first child of Jacob Blount's second wife, Mrs Hannah Salter Baker. He was twenty years younger than his distinguished brother the Colonial Governor. The similarity of his name with that of his elder brother causes confusion to the casual student of Tennessee history. Though it was spelled Willie it was pronounced Wylie and was probably a family name in his mother's line.

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His first political position was Secretary to his brother then Governor William Blount and he evidently made most of his opportunities for at twenty eight he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and at forty was elected Governor. He served as Governor six years, (1809 to 1815) in an exciting period of history. During the War of 1812 he tendered to the United States, two thousand five hundred volunteers, and is from them that the State gained its name, the Volunteers. He pledged his personal credit to equip three regiments which went to General Andrew Jackson at New Orleans. He was active in the Creek War also, raising almost as many volunteers and three hundred thousand dollars which for that period was a tremendous sum of money. He died at the residence of Wylie Johnson near Nashville in 1835 and is buried at Clarksville.

He married Lucinda Baker, daughter of John Baker and his wife Anne Vorfleet Baker. They had two daughters, one of whom married Dr. J. T. Dabney and the other Mr. Dortch. A son of the latter, Willie Blount Dortch, married a daughter of Governor Aron V. Brown.

The monument in Clarksville erected by the State to the memory of Governor Willie Blount gives his birth place and his brother's as Bertie County, North Carolina, but the Historian, John H. Wheeler credits Blount Hill in Pitt County as their birthplace.

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THE VAIL FAMILY

Jeremiah Vail, = (1) Catherine
1639, living (2) Mrs Mary Paine
Salem, MA. (3) Joyce

Jeremiah Vail II = (1) Unknown
d. Long Island (2) Ann Hampton
in 1726.

Jeremiah Vail III, b. Long Island = Mary Lillington
NY, moved to NC.

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Alexander = (1) Sara James
Lillington, (2) Eliz. Cooper
b. England. (3) Ann Steward

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James Blount = Ann Willis
b. Scotland b. Ipswich MA.

John Blount = Elizabeth Davis
1669-1726 1679-1733

John Blount II, b. "Mulberry
Hill," May 15, 1706, d. Feb.
10, 1754.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

William Williams = Mary Tulle

Stephen Williams = Sarah

Mary Williams, widow of Samuel
Swann III.

Sarah Elizabeth Vail

= John Blount II, b. "Mulberry
Hill," May 15, 1706, d. Feb.
10, 1754.

Frederick Blount, m. April 5, =
1769.

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----- THE VAIL FAMILY¹ -----

FIRST GENERATION

- 1.1 JEREMIAH VAIL was living in Salem, Mass. in 1639. He was a blacksmith by occupation as long as he lived in the colony, but in 1650, he moved to Gardiner's Island, off Long Island, where for some years he superintended Lieutenant Lion Gardiner's farms. In 1655 he moved to Easthampton, Long Island, and in 1659 to Southold, where he died 1687. He, m. (1) Catherine, m. (2) May 24, 1660, Mrs. Mary Paine, m. (3) before 1685 Joyce. He had six children.

SECOND GENERATION

- 2.1 JEREMIAH VAIL II, the eldest son of the first marriage, was baptized in Salem, Mass. December 30, 1649, and died in Southold, Long Island, November 28, 1726. He was a blacksmith and farmer like his father, and a noted fox hunter. The name of his (1) wife is unknown, m. (2) 1691, Ann Hampton, the widow of Benjamin Moore, she outlived her second husband by one month. Four children.

THIRD GENERATION

- 3.1 JEREMIAH VAIL III, is mentioned in his father's will, as the eldest son, but his youngest brother, Thomas, is made executor and is given the home farm. Jeremiah is on record March 22, 1697, as a mariner, and his enrollment on the census list that year, with Mary Vail, is the last record of him on Long Island. Undoubtedly he is the Jeremiah Vail who came to North Carolina early in the eighteenth century, settling in Chowan Precinct. He was repeatedly selected to serve on the Grand Jury, and for one at least, 1727, he was a Member of the Assembly. He married Mary, the daughter of Major Alexander Lillington and his second wife Elizabeth Cooper; she was born April 22, 1683.

¹ The source used for this family lineage was taken from Ancestral Records and Portraits, a Compilation from the Archives of Chapter I., Colonial Dames of America.

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FOURTH GENERATION

- 4.1 SARAH ELIZABETH VAIL, daughter of Jeremiah Vail III, and Mary Lillington, m. Colonel John Blount II, and in her will, dated June 6, 1769, she mentions silver spoons marked "S.E.V."

----- THE LILLINGTON FAMILY -----

FIRST GENERATION

- 1.1 ALEXANDER LILLINGTON, the first of the name in America, was born in England 1643, and died in North Carolina September 11, 1697. He was a man of great prominence in the colony, being Major of the Militia, a member of the Court 1690 to 1694; Deputy Governor 1693 to 1695 in the absence of the Governor, and President of the Council 1697. He married (1) June 11, 1668, Sara, the daughter of Thomas James, m. (2) June 13, 1675, Elizabeth Cooper, m. (3) March 19, 1695, Mrs. Ann Steward. Two children by the first wife, and seven by the second wife.

SECOND GENERATION

- 2.1 MARY LILLINGTON, a daughter of the second marriage, married Jeremiah Vail III.

THIRD GENERATION

- 3.1 SARAH ELIZABETH VAIL, daughter of Jeremiah Vail III, and Mary Lillington, married John Blount II.

----- WILLIAMS -----

FIRST GENERATION

- 1.1 WILLIAM WILLIAMS, was one of the early settlers of Currituck, NC. His name appears as a member of the vestry of that parish in 1715, also as a member of the Assembly, and for some years he was Justice of the Peace. His wife was Mary Tulle, and his will, written February 2, 1725, and probated January, 1726 mentions his three sons and two married daughters.
- 2.1 Thomas Williams.
2.2 *Stephen Williams*, of whom further.
2.3 Tull Williams.
2.4 Jane Williams Brent.
2.5 Abigail Williams Phillips.

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SECOND GENERATION

- 2.2 COLONEL STEPHEN WILLIAMS, d. 1767 and his wife was Sarah.
He served repeatedly on the Commission of the Peace,
and was a member of the Assembly 1733, 1754, 1760, 1761,
1764 and 1766. In 1754 he was Lieutenant Colonel of the
Currituck Foot.

THIRD GENERATION

- 3.1 MARY WILLIAMS, m. (1) Samuel Swann III, m. (2)
Frederick Blount, m. (3) Richard Templeman in 1784.

Child of m. (2):

- 4.1 *Mary Blount*, of whom further.

FOURTH GENERATION

- 4.1 MARY BLOUNT, b. June 13, 1773, d. October 12, 1864,
m. May 12, 1773 William Shepard of New Bern, NC.
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volume.

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THE D'AUGE or DAUGE FAMILY

Peter d'Auge, b. in France. = Angelica

General Peter d'Auge II, b. Dec. 17, 1739, d. Sept. 1, 1801. = (1) m. Elizabeth Williams, b. Nov. 17¹, dau. of Ludeoich and Dorothy Williams.

Mary d'Auge, b. Oct 29, 1763.
 Isaac d'Auge, b. Set. 24, 1765.
 Lemuel d'Auge, b. March 1, 1768.
 Willoughby d'Auge, b. April 7, 1770.
 Elizabeth d'Auge, b Sept. 12, 1772.
 Angelica d'Auge, b.Dec. 30, 1775.

= (2) m. April 20, 1795 Margaret (Peggy) Dozier,
b. 1777 Camdon Co., NC d. May 6, 1812.

Emelia Sawyer d'Auge,
 b. March 10, 1796.
 = Ezekiel Trotman

Margaret Trotman
 b. Oct. 4, 1812.

Peter D. Trotman
 b. Dec. 3, 1815.

Penelope Trotman [See The Shepard Family]
 b. Jan. 30, 1817.

Sophia Scott d'Auge,
 b. April 23, 1798, m.
 September 10, 1815.
 = Dr. William Martin,
 son of James Green
 Martin, m. Susan Bruce.
 Susan Bruce Martin,
 1816-1901.
 = Frederick B. Shepard.

Peggy d'Auge,
 b. Feb. 4, 1800.
 = Lemuel C. Moore²,
 m. Oct 5, 1817.

Sophia D. Moore,
 b. Nov. 13, 1818.

Louisa Moore,
 b. May 16, 1821

Charles A. Moore,
 b. Aug. 14, 1823.

John M. Moore,
 b. Dec. 16, 1825.

Lemuel Moore, Jr.
 b. May 28, 1828.

Margaret E. Moore,
 b. Feb. 8, 1832.

James C. Moore,
 b. Feb. 4, 1836.

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1 Linage of the d'Auge Family taken from the d'Auge Family bible originally owned by Peter d'Auge Camden County, NC. The present owner is Maggie Moore Fairley Splenger, (Mrs. Thomas L.) 827 High Street, Jackson MS. This date missing due to page damage. A typed copy I have list Peter's (2) wife as Dozier which could be misreading of the original handwritten name Sawyer.

2 Lemuel Creecy Moore, son of Charles and Elizabeth Moore was born Jan. 17, 1797.

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SERVICE RECORD OF GENERAL PIERRE D'AUGE IN ASSISTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DURING THE
WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

1. On April 22nd, 1776 Provincial Congress at Halifax, N.C. made Pierre d'Auge 2nd Major of the 2nd Regiment Pasquotank Provincial Army, Col Isaac Gregory. (Vol. 10, p. 532, Colonial Records.)
2. On May 11th, 1777 the same body appointed him Colonel to command the militia drafted in Halifax District. (Vol. 10, p. 577, Colonial Records.)
3. On June 27th, 1777 the 10th Regiment, North Carolina troops was admitted into the Continental Services, Sheppard Col. and Pierre d'Auge, Lieut Col. (Vol. 12, p. 132; Vol. 11, p. 730-738, Colonial Records.) On September 25, 1777 this regiment joined Washington in Virginia, (Vol. 11, p. 551, 571, 580, 588, 671, 611, 614, 615, 662, 680, 681, Colonial Records.)
4. A grant of land was given to Pierre d'Auge "in consideration of his single bravery and persevering zeal." in the Revolution. Grant for land is No. 2397, dated June 30, 1794. (See Book 80, p. 391, Secretary of State's office Raleigh, North Carolina.)

THE MARTIN - BRUCE FAMILIES

- 1.1 JAMES GREEN MARTIN, m. SUSANNE BRUCE, connected by family ties with the fighting Bruces of Scotland. He was a Methodist minister.
- 2.1 Dr. William Martin, m. Sept. 10, 1815 Sophia Scott d' Auge, dau. of General Peter d' Auge, of Revolutionary War, largely responsible for the defeat of the British around Norfolk, and his (2) wife Margaret Dozier, (some records show her as Sawyer.)
- 3.1 Susan Bruce Martin 1816-1901, m. Frederick Blount Shepard.
- 2.2 Gen. James Green Martin Jr., m. (1) Mary Anne Read, July 2, 1844, gr. dau. of George Read of Delaware, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. She died leaving four children; m. (2) Hettie King, sister of Gen Rufus King, Gen Martin's friend at West Point.

THE ARMOR FAMILY

The genealogy of the Armor family begins with Count d'Ausiron, or d'Ausirogne who's portrait showing a small frame man in French attire and little round eyeglasses could always be seen in the front parlor of the Shepard home, Monterey Place, Mobile, Alabama; the present whereabouts of this portrait is unknown.

Isabel Shepard would tell the story of her ancestor, the Count, who's daughter married or ran away with a Naval Officer and arrived in New Orleans with her son. They lived in the New Orleans home of the Armor family, an acquaintance of the Count. The Count had requested the child be return to France as his heir, he was however adopted by Mr. Armor and took his name. The names of Josephine Heard and Horace Bean are shown on an old lineage chart as parents, however until more definite information is available, the lineage of James Emile Armor must begin as the adopted son of Mr. Armor of New Orleans.

- 1.1 JAMES EMILE ARMOR, 1827-1870, lived in Mobile, AL, m. Isabella Olivia McRae, 1827-1868, dau. of John McRae, b. Feb. 11, 1778 in Scotland and his wife Elizabeth Mary McRae. He had the rank of Paymaster in the C.S. Navy as of June 2, 1862. He served on the CSS Gaines, Mobile Squadron, 1863-64, surrendered May 4, 1865.
- 2.1 Horace B. Armor, 1853-1902.
- 2.2 James Emile Armor Jr., 1854-1931.
- 2.3 Kate McRae Armor, b. Oct 19, 1856, West Pascagoula MS, d. March 6, 1933, Mobile, AL. She m. April 29, 1879 in Mobile AL, Charles Martin Shepard, b. April 3, 1855, Elizabeth City, NC, d. January 12, 1944, Mobile AL.
 - 3.1 Isabel Shepard, 1880-1953, d.s.
 - 3.2 Charles Martin Shepard Jr., 1882-1950, m. Mary Touchy, 1891-1982, see The Shepard Family.
 - 3.3 Horace Armor Shepard, 1883-1973, m. Dec. 16, 1909 Annie Caroline Hand, 1887-1950. See The Shepard Family.
 - 3.4 Kate Shepard, 1885-1952, d.s.
 - 3.5 Ruth Elizabeth Shepard, m. Matthew L. Davis, see The Shepard Family.
- 2.4 Laura Josephine Armor, d. inf. 1860.
- 2.5 Emile Armor, 1862-1864.
- 2.6 Gelene Armor, b. Aug 22, 1865, d. March 10, 1946, m. Nicholas Eugene Stallworth, b. Sept 17, 1874, d. March 5, 1941.
 - 3.1 Eugenia Hines Stallworth, 1903-1920
 - 3.2 Gelene Stallworth, m. Mr. Scarborough.
 - 3.3 Nicholas E. Stallworth, Jr., 1909-1965.
- 2.7 Elizabeth McRae Armor, m. Albert J. Perry, d. at age 78 and buried at his former home, Marion AL.
 - 3.1 Samuel W. Perry of Huntington, WV.
 - 4.1 Katherine McRae Perry.
 - 3.2 Bessie M. Perry, B. Pascagoula, MS.
 - 3.3 Katherine Perry, B. Pascagoula, MS., m. Frank H. Hudson.

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WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR TO MARGARET MACKENZIE
FIRST WIFE OF ALEXANDER MACRAE OF IVERINATE

William the Conqueror 1035-1087	= Matilda of Flanders, d. 1083; dau. of Baldwin V. 7th Count of Flanders and his wife, Lady Adela.
Henry I, King of England, 4th son, 1070-1135, crowned Aug. 5, 1100.	= Matilda, 1082-1118; m. Nov. 11, 1100. She was dau. of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, 1057-1093, and descended from Cerdic d. 534, Alfred The Great, and Edmund II Ironside. m. (2) Margaret, dau of Edward the Outlar.
Matilda, 1104-1167 (1) m. Jan. 7, 1114. (2) m. April 3, 1127.	= (1) m. Henry V, Emperor of Germany (2) m. Geoffrey Plantgenet, Count of Anjou, son of Fulk V, Count of Anjou and King of Jerusalem.
Henry II, King of England, 1133-1189 crowned Dec. 19, 1154.	= m. 1151 Eleanor, dau. and co- heirress of William X, Duke of Aquitaine.
John, King of England 1166-1216, crowned May 27, 1199.	= (1) m. 1189, Hawise, dau. of William, Earl of Gloucester (2) m. 1200, Isabella, dau. of Aymer Taillefer and Alice De Courteny, gd. dau. of Louis VI King of France.
Henry III, King of England, 1206-1272, crowned Oct. 28, 1216.	= m. 1236, Eleanore, dau. of Raymond Berenger IV, Count of Provence (gd. son of Alfonso II, King of Aragon) and Beatrice, dau. of Thomas, Count of Savoy.
Edward I, King of England, 1239-1307, crowned Aug. 19, 1274.	= m. (1) 1254, Eleanora, dau. of Ferdinand III, King of Castile and Joanna, Countess of Ponthieu. m. (2) 1299, Marguerite, dau of Philip III, King of France.
Edward II, King of England, 1284-murdered Sept. 21, 1327, crowned Feb. 23, 1307	= m. 1308 Isabella, dau. of Philip IV, King of France and Jeanne, Queen of Navarre and gt.gt.gt.gt.gd. dau. of The Cid.
Edward III, King of England 1312-1377	= m. Philippa, dau. of William (The Good) III, Count of Hainault and Holland.

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John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, Duke of Aquitaine, Earl of Richmond, King of Castile and Leon 1340-1399 = m. (1) 1359 Blanche, dau. of Henry Duke of Lancaster.
m. (2) 1371 Constance, dau of Peter the Cruel, King of Castile and Leon.
m. (3) 1396 Catherine (Roelt) Swynford, dau. of Sir Payne Roelt, she a sister to Chaucer's wife.

Joan Plantagenet, called de Beaufort 1373-1440 = John, Marquess of Dorset = Margaret, dau. of Thomas Holland and Alice Fitzalan. He d. 1397
John de Beaufort Duke of Somerset = Margaret Beauchamps, widow of Oliver St. John.

Jane de Beaufort = (1) King James I of Scotland = Margaret de Beaufort = Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond. Progenitor of Queen Elizabeth II
(2) Sir James Stewart, the "Black Knight of Lorn"

John Stewart, first Earl of Athole. = (1) Margaret, dau. of Archibald Douglas.
(2) Eleanor, dau. of Wm. Sinclair, Earl of Orkney.

John Stewart, second Earl of Athole, killed 1513. = (1) Mary, dau. of Archibald Campbell, Earl of Argyll.

Elizabeth Stewart = Kenneth MacKenzie, tenth Baron of Kintail, d. 1608.

Roderick MacKenzie, first of Redcastle. = Florence, dau. of Robert Munro of Fowlis, d. abt. 1608.

Murdock MacKenzie, second of Redcastle, m. 1599. = Margaret, dau. of William Ross, eleventh of Kiloavock.

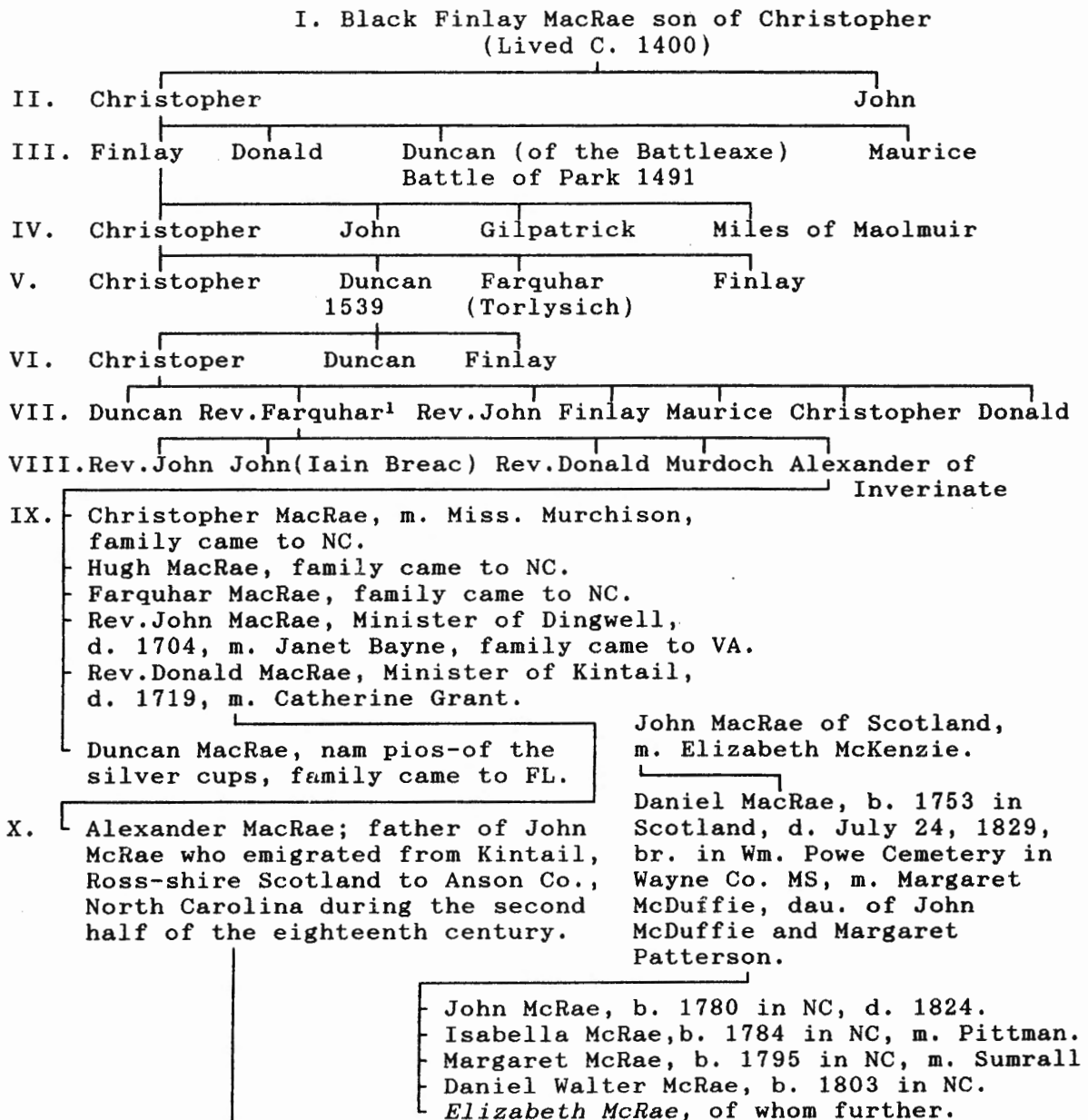
Margaret MacKenzie, first wife. = Alexander MacRae of Iverinate, son of Rev. Faquhar MacRae, Vicar of Kintail and Chamberlain of the Earl of Seaforth. See The McRae Family Scotland and America.

Mary MacKenzie, second wife of Alexander MacRae of Iverinate also has lineage from William The Conqueror through Jane de Beaufort and her first husband, King James I of Scotland.

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GENEALOGY OF THE MACRAES OF KINTAIL SCOTLAND



¹ Rev. Farquhar, Vicar of Kintail and Chamberlain of the Earl of Seaforth.

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John McRae, son of Alexander, b.
Feb. 11, 1778, moved his family to
Winchester MS, 1817, d. March 11,
1835, had a sister, Mrs. Mc Queen
that lived in Alabama.

m. Nov. 22, 1809 Elizabeth
Mary McRae, b. Sept. 6,
1792 in Anson Co. NC,
d. Oct. 18, 1867.

- Malcolm J. McRae, b. 1812 in NC, m. Mary Ann Taylor, b. 1824
- Colin J. McRae, b. 1813 in NC, d.s. 1871 in Belize British Honduras.
- John J. McRae, b. Jan. 10, 1815 in NC, d. May 30, 1868, British Honduras, m. Mrs Mary McGuire of Pass Christian, MS.
- Margaret McRae, b. 1816 in NC, d. 1852, m. Mr. Osborn.
- Mary Johnson McRae, b. 1818 in MS, m. Angus Kelly.
- Charles Stuart McRae, b. 1820, d.s.p. in CA.
- Elizabeth McKenzie McRae, b. 1823, d. 1885, m. Burwell Boykin.
- Catherine Laura McRae, b. 1825, d. 1902, m. in Mobile AL, Mr. Hempstead as his (2) wife.
- *Isabella Olivia McRae*, b. 1827, d. 1868, m. James Emile Armor.
- James B. McRae, b. 1830, d.s.p. 1896 Lt. Col. C.S.A.
- Daniel Walter McRae, b. 1834, d. 1836.

- *Kate McRae Armor*, m. Charles M. Shepard.
- Elizabeth McRae Armor, m. Albert J Perry.
- Horace Armor, d.s.p.
- James Emile Armor Jr., d.s.p.
- Gelene Armor, m. Nicholas Stallworth

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A SKETCH OF THE MCRAE FAMILY

The primary source for this McRae Family Sketch is *FROM KINTAIL TO CAROLINA, A CLAN HISTORY*, by Donald MacRae, Glasgow, Scotland.

MacRaes are fortunate in that the History and Genealogy of the clan was written nearly three hundred years ago by the Rev. John MacRae, who was minister of Dingwall and Treasurer of Ross. He died in 1704. A copy of his manuscript can be seen in the Scottish National Library in Edinburgh. The Rev. John also wrote a History of the MacKenzies.

The History of the Clan MacRae, written by Alexander MacRae at the end of last century incorporates the information contained in the two earlier manuscripts and has in addition a great amount of information, gleaned during visits to Kintail, from a number of local inhabitants who had a deep knowledge of local tradition and were able to supply him with information which is not now available. There were at that time those in Kintail who could give at length the genealogy and descent of most of the families in the area and it was not uncommon at that time for many people to name their ancestry for at least eight generations, however churchmen frowned on this as a form of ancestor worship.

When the emigrants left the Scottish Highlands in the second half of the eighteenth century for the American Colonies they spoke Gaelic and as a result their surnames and Christian names underwent drastic changes at the hands of English scribes, MacRae became McCray and McRae.

Although William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, was acclaimed a national hero in the American Colonies after his defeat of the forces of "Prince Charlie" at Culloden Moor in 1746, this victory had far-reaching effects in the Highlands of Scotland. The old order was changed and laws were introduced which spelled the death of the clan system. Lands which at one time belonged to the clan now passed into hands of individuals who demanded extortionate rents. Among the areas affected were the original Seaforth estates in the parish of Kintail in Ross-shire where within a few decades, rents increased by as much as a thousand per cent.

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The result was that in the thirty years after Col-loden, many tenants, exasperated by rent increases and the stringent new conditions of tenure laid down by the representatives of the absentee and extravagant Earl of Seaforth, chartered ships and with their clansmen sailed for the American Colonies and particularly the Carolinas.

The MacRaes who left Kintail for the Carolinas before the American Revolution sold their cattle and what property they possessed and had capital to purchase in their new homeland. Those who did not have the money but were desirous to undertake the voyage, indentured themselves for a period of years (usually 7) to work on the land of the clansman who paid the fair. Although no records or list of the people who sailed to the New World at this time were kept, it can be stated that most of the early emigrants were descended from the Rev. Farquhar MacRae, Vicar of Kintail and Constable of Eilean Donan castle.

The Rev. Farquhar (1580-1662) who was Chamberlain of Kintail during the lives of Colin and George, the Earls of Seaforth, was an important and wealthy man. As Constable of Eilean Donan he had to entertain the Seaforths and their entourage when they traveled from Fortrose in Eastern Ross to visit their vast estates in the West Highlands and the Isle of Lewis. According to his grandson, the Rev. John, as many as 500 gentlemen and ladies from the Highlands and Islands who accompanied the Earls on these visits had to be provided for at Eilean Donan Castle. Since the Seaforths were extravagant and constantly in need of money, the Rev. Farquhar, on payment of loans to the Earls received rights to lands in the area and thus his descendants were able to realize these assets when the need arose.

A few details may be of interest about Eilean Donan Castle, known as MacRae Castle since it is in the county of Ross-shire, where most of the MacRaes lived. Built in the 13th century, the structure was for about 500 years the home of the Lords of Kintail, but the MacRaes were always constables of the castle.

MacRae Castle was blown up in 1719 during the battle of Glenshiel, which was an attempt by the Stuarts to regain the crown of Britain. In 1909, Col. John MacRae of Conchra, bought the ruins and rebuilt the castle, opening it to the public when finished in 1932. Situated at the junction of three lakes, Loch Duich, Lochalsh and Loch Long, it is not far from the open sea. Ann Shepard Fowlkes, with her husband Edward O. Fowlkes and their

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children, of Mobile, Alabama, spent a year in Scotland, all attending school there. While there they had tea with the MacRae family at Eilean Donan Castle and were shown records listing many of the descendants of the Rev. Farquhar MacRae including the family of John J. McRae, Governor of Mississippi 1854-1858. It should be noted here that most Americans dropped the first a, in the spelling of the name.

The original McRae families who came to America settled first at Sneedsboro near the Pee Dee river in the Carolina Colony which became Anson County in 1748. There must have been two reasons for this, the fertility of the swamp land and the facilities of water transportation. But when fever attacked the settlers on this low lying ground they moved to better and healthier land at Pleasant Hill and the present towns of McFarlan and Morven. John McRae, a great-great-grandson of Rev. Farquhar was one of the Sneedsboro settlers and was engaged in the mercantile business. On November 22, 1809, he married Elizabeth Mary McRae in Anson County and they had eleven children, of whom the first four were born in Sneedsboro and the others in Mississippi.

According to the records of Anson County, John McRae, the emigrant, sold his business in Sneedsboro to William Johnson and Hugh McKenzie and moved his family to Winchester, Mississippi in 1817. In Winchester he became a cotton buyer and was the first merchant to send barges laden with cotton down the Pascagoula river, he later moved to the mouth of the Pascagoula where he bought land. Being a firm believer in educating his children, after moving to Pascagoula, he kept a tutor for a while, then boarded his children with a French family for two years. They attended a school run by a Mr. Frederick, who had been an officer in Napoleon's army. When John Died March 11, 1835, Colin J., his son became manager of his estate.

Although the John McRae of this sketch was born in Scotland, his wife Elizabeth Mary McRae whom he married November 22, 1809 in Anson County, was born September 6, 1792 in America. Her father, Daniel McRea and mother, Margaret McDuffie were early scottish emigrants. Her grandparents John McRae and Elizabeth McKinzie never left Scotland, however her mother's parents, John McDuffie and Margaret Pattison were also emigrants from Scotland.

Although Elizabeth McRae married John McRae in Anson County, North Carolina in 1809, and moved into the Mississippi Territory in 1817, her father and family appears

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to have preceded her into the area in 1810, this being prior to the Massacre at Fort Mims.

From Passports 1785-1820, Page 220; Tuesday 30th January 1810.

ORDERED That passports be prepared for the following persons to travel through the Creek Nations of Indians, to wit, one for Daniel McRae, with his wife, five children and nine negroes, and one for Thomas Taylor with two negroes - which were presented and signed.

In addition to the John McRae family in this skit, there was another John McRae in Southwest Mississippi from earley days. He is refered to as the Methodist. According to his passport he seems to have come from Screven County Georgia in 1811. He settled on the Chickasawhay river, a short distance below Green County Courthouse, now Leakesville, on the west side of the river. Here he joined with others in establishing Bethel church and campground, near his home. John McRae was somewhat advanced in years at the time of his death, was then known as Father McRae, and buried on the home place near Bethel church. His son Dr. David McRae, inherited the property. Both father and son represented Green county in a Constitutional Convention, the father in 1817 and the son in 1832.

From Passports 1785-1820, Page 220, Tuesday 26th February 1811.

ORDERED That Passports be prepared for the following persons to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians, to wit, One for Messrs. Lewis Mitchell, William McLendon and John Purvis, the former with his wife and five children and eleven Negroes, all from Chesterfield district South Carolina, One for Mr. William Harman from Beaufort district South Carolina, One for Mr. Jackey Perry and One for Mr. James Clanton from Kershaw district, and One for John Ware from Fairfield district South Carolina, One for Mr. James Lang from the County of Jefferson in the State, One for Mr. Naaman Smart from Beaufort district South Carolina, One for John McRae, with his wife, four children - his mother, two sisters and nine Negroes - and One for Messrs. Reddick Connell and Daniel Martin the former with his wife and one child, and the latter with three Negroes all from the County of Scriven in this State. Which were severally presented and signed.

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FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

- 1.1 JOHN MCRAE, b. February 11, 1778, d. March 11, 1835, was a son of Alexander, a grandson of the Rev. Donald, great-grandson of Alexander of Inverinate and a great-great-grandson of the Rev. Farquhar McRae (1580-1662), Vicar of Kintail and Constable of Eilean Donan castle Ross-shire Scotland. He arrived in Carolina near the end of the eighteenth century, settled at Sneedsboro on the Pee Dee where he was engaged in the mercantile business. On November 22, 1809, he married Elizabeth Mary McRae in Anson County by Rev. T. Woods and their first three children were born there, they moved to Winchester, Wayne County MS, in 1817.

In Winchester he became a cotton buyer and was the first merchant to send barges laden with cotton down the Pascagoula river. The cotton was shipped to New Orleans and then by his schooners as far as Boston. Nine years after arriving in Winchester he moved to the mouth of the Pascagoula² with his family where he bought land for his home and to serve as a port where ships were lightered for river traffic.

Elizabeth Mary McRae, wife of John McRae was b. in NC, Sept. 6, 1792, d. October 18, 1867, dau. of Daniel McRae, b. 1753 in Scotland, d. July 24, 1829, buried in Wm. Powe Cemetery, Wayne Co., MS, m. Dec. 6, 1779, Margaret McDuffie, dau. of John McDuffie and Margaret Pattison, both of whom came to NC, from Scotland. The 1850 and 1860 censuses list her as head of the family; one account states she was living in 1864 when Yankees went through her home on the Mississippi coast. The account handed down through the family was that she left her house before the Yankees arrived, had the servants bury the family silver in hiding. At the plea of negroes on the place, the house was saved, for which she was grateful, but the silver was missing. Mr. A. L. Lewis mentions that Mrs. McRae's piano and fine furniture disappeared with the Yankee raid. The year 1867 was a tragic one for the family as she died at the time her daughter, Catherine and her son, Governor John J. McRae went to British Honduras to visit their brother Colon, and John died upon arrival. The Rev. J. B. Cain said that he had never seen the grave of Mrs. McRae but had heard on several occasions and

1 The sources used for this family lineage was taken from "Four Centuries on the Pascagoula," Vol. II, Pages 42, 223, & 224, by Cyril Edward Cain and "From Kintail to Carolina" by Donald MacRae.

2 Jay Higginbotham in his book *Pascagoula*, states that John McRae built a cotton depot on the west side of the mouth of the Pascagoula and in time established a thriving business, became a millionaire and built a fabulous hotel.

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had seen in the paper, that the WPA was working some old cemeteries near Seminary and found her grave. Richard Sigler, a grandson of Jesse Byrd the pastor at Seminary said the grave was somewhat southwest of Seminary.

Children:

- 2.1 Malcolm J. McRae, b. Feb. 6, 1811 in Sneedsboro, NC; was educated in Frederic's School in Pascagoula and in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He owned a resort hotel in Pascagoula, sent two sons to the Confederate army, and was later an official in Mobile. He m. Mary Ann Taylor, b. 1824 in GA, dau. of General William Taylor and his (1) wife, Mary Ann Mitchell; Mary Ann Mitchell was the dau. of Gov. David Myrdie Mitchell of GA.

Children:

Malcolm McRae Jr., b. 1847, d.s.

Taylor McRae, b. 1845, d.s. in Civil War.

- 2.2 Colin McRae, of whom further.
2.3 John J. McRae, of whom further.
2.4 Margaret McRae, b. Oct. 15, 1816 in Sneedsboro, NC, d. June 15, 1852, m. Mr. Osborn.
2.5 Mary Johnson McRae, b. 1818 in Winchester, MS, m. Angus Kelly, d. Sept. 20, 1818 Marion AL.
2.6 Charles Stuart McRae, b, Oct. 20, 1820, d.s. in CA. Studied law in the office of Franklin Pierce, U. S. President.
2.7 Elizabeth Mc Kenzie McRae, b. March 25, 1823 in Winchester, MS, d. 1855 in Jackson MS, m. Burwell Boykin 1814-1857, of SC; Boykin Plantation, Tilden, AL. A daughter, m. Judge Brame. Mrs. Scota Boykin Powell of Selma has his portrait, which can be seen in "Alabama Portraits Prior To 1870", a publication by the Colonial Dames in the State of Alabama.
2.8 Catherine Laura McRae, b. May 18, 1825, d. 1902 in Mobile, AL, m. in Mobile, Mr. Hempstead, she being his (2) wife.
2.9 Isabella Olivia McRae, of whom further.
2.10 James B. McRae, b. May 13, 1830, was a Lt. Col. C.S.A., d.s.p. 1896, br. in the McRae Cemetery at Gautier MS.
2.11 Daniel Walter McRae, b. Feb. 21, 1834, d. Aug. 17, 1836.

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- 2.2 COLIN J. MCRAE, b. Oct. 22, 1813 in NC, d.s. 1875 in Belize Honduras. He was the manager of his father's estate and in 1836, bought and deeded to his mother, several hundred acres of land between Bayou LaMotte and Bayou aux Prunes. In 1837 he acquired the adjacent property belonging to Isabella Glaude and this became the permanent McRae home place which included more than three miles of beach front property. This is on the west side of the West Pascagoula river facing the Mississippi Sound, then referred to as the Gulf, now known as Gautier, Jackson County Mississippi.

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During³ the period 1839-1842 Colin appeared to be successful in many business enterprises. The *Sea-Shore Spy*⁴ of June 8, 1839, a hand-written newspaper published in Mississippi City, a city he founded in 1837, reported that McRae's sloop *Calypso* had arrived from West Pascagoula with a cargo of cornmeal, squashes, beans, potatoes and tea. The same day his schooner *Lion Bradford* arrived from East Pascagoula with a cargo of cypress and pine lumber. He was evidently doing a thriving business between Mississippi City and his father's old headquarters in Pascagoula, for a few days later the *Calypso* cleared for that town with a cargo of flower, corn, paint and turpentine consigned to the C. J. McRae Company. In addition to his flourishing business along the Mississippi Coast, he was buying cotton in Alabama and shipping it through Mobile.

He served as a member of the legislature, both in Mississippi and Alabama, was a member of the Confederate congress, and represented the Confederate government in Europe. At the end of the war there was a case started against him on the grounds that he, as chief financial agent for the late Confederacy, had received cotton and other goods which had been sold to purchase munitions. The contention was that goods or monies remaining in his control were the property of the United States. He was asked to forfeit all the property he owned in the South for having acted as agent. The case of the U. S. failed and was dismissed but an appeal was made though not effective. He never returned to the United States.

- 2.3 JOHN J. MCRAE, b. Jan. 10, 1815 in Sneedsboro NC, d. May 30, 1868⁵, in British Honduras. At 20 years old he began Studying law with Judge P.R.R. Pray of Pearlinton and in Pearlinton met and married a widow 12 years older than himself, Mrs. Mary Mc Guire of Pass Christian, MS.

He was appointed by the brother of President Tyler to the responsible job of administering the removal of the Indians from Mississippi to Indian Territory. On his return from this successful mission he was rewarded by being elected to the State Legislature and was made Speaker of the House. He was next elected to Congress, then served in the Senate.

3 This paragraph of an under two hundred word limit was taken from "Colin J. McRae, Confederate Financial Agent" By Charles S. Davis.

4 *Sea-Shore Spy*, June 8, 1839 (owned by Horace Shepard, Mobile, Alabama.)

5 John's and Colin's death dates are recorded in the McRae Family Bible.

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He followed the footsteps of his father in promoting commerce on the Pascagoula River system, established the town of Enterprise at the headwaters of the Chickasawhay and worked hard to make the river navigable for steamboats as well as for the barges used by his father.

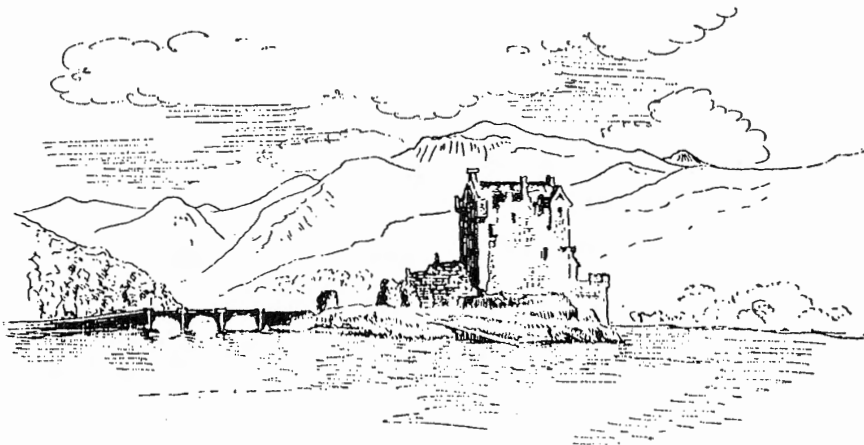
He served two terms as governor of Mississippi and his tenure in office is related in an appendix, this volume. He was associated with his brother, Colin in several business ventures. They became stockholders and active promoters of the Mobile & Ohio and the Mobile & New Orleans railroad companies. In the late 1850's, when John was serving his second term as governor and was soon to be involved in national politics, he was forced more and more to play the role of the silent partner.

3.1 Colin J. McRae. A note written by Katherine P. Hudson states, "David Moore of Harrisburg, Pa was one of the founders of Old Salem Academy of Green County Miss. He was the first teacher and taught there for eight years. Colin J. McRae, only child of Gov. John J. McRae died while attending this school. He died of typhoid fever.

2.9 ISABELLA OLIVIA MCRAE, b. Sept. 1, 1827, d. Aug. 1868 in Mobile AL, m. James Emile Armor of New Orleans, b. 1827, d. 1870.

See the Shepard and Armor Families.

EILEAN DONAN CASTLE



APPENDIX A
MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR JOHN J. MCRAE
1854-1858¹

John J. McRae was inaugurated governor in January, 1854. He was from Wayne County, Mississippi and in his early life founded the *Eastern Clarion*, published at Paulding, in Jasper County. With an active mind and untiring energy, he had been prominent in all matters concerning the welfare of the State, his pleasant address and genial nature had made him justly popular with the people. He had represented his county in the legislature, and had occupied a seat in the United States Senate for two months by appointment to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jefferson Davis.

The legislature was in session in January, 1854, and Governor McRae, in his inaugural address before that body, urged strongly the necessity of education. He declared that there were but two great ideas worthy of life - God and liberty; that they are all that is of value here, all that is important hereafter. But, to appreciate these, man must be intelligent; to be intelligent, he must be educated; to be educated, the means must be provided, and this is the duty of the State.

The legislature during the same year, by special act, made it the duty of the judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals to appoint three commissioners to revise, digest, and codify the laws of the State. The judges selected Judge W. L. Sharkey, Judge Henry T. Ellett, and Samuel S. Boyd. Mr. Boyd resigned, and Judge William L. Harris was appointed in his place. In the hands of such competent men, the work was admirably done. When completed, it was adopted by the legislature, and was called the Code of 1857.

In 1855 the Democrats renominated John J. McRae for governor, and the Know Nothing party nominated C. D. Fontaine of Pontotoc. McRae was reelected. He began his second term in January, 1856, and again urged the importance of legislative action on the question of public schools. He suggested the appointment of a State superintendent of public instruction, to travel over the State to gather up information, which he should submit to the next legislature, with some well considered plan for establishing a successful system. He also impressed upon the legislature the importance of internal improvements, and dwelt at length upon the railroads then being constructed in the State.

¹ Information taken from "History of Mississippi" by Lowry and McCardel.

APPENDIX B
LINEAGE FROM ADAM, KINGS OF JUDAH, IRELAND, FRANCE AND ENGLAND
THROUGH MATILDA, WIFE OF HENRY I, KING OF ENGLAND,
FOURTH SON OF WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

This lineage was taken from Colonial Families of the United States of America¹, Volume IV, by George Norbury Mackenzie, LL.B. beginning with the Biblical allegorical family of Adam, listing each descendent through Matilda, wife of Henry I, King of England. As Kate McRae, that married Charles Martin Shepard was a descendent of this Matilda, so it is that her offsprings are actually able to trace their lineage from Adam.

Whereas the referenced editor lists each ancestor, only a few Biblical and historical families are actually listed herein, to show the lineage time frame through Malcolm II, King of Scotland, b. 1005; assassinated November 25, 1034; thence begins the complete lineage to Henry I.

The earliest Greek records were genealogical histories of individuals; hence we find the Bible, the oldest book of pedigree in the world, that a positive obligation was laid upon the Israelites to keep well their family records. Here, these records begin with religious truths, explaining the creation of the world, naming the first man and woman, continuing a pedigree from one individual to the next generation until these named descendents become historically documented. A progenitor of William the Conqueror was Zedekah, King of Judah, 619-587 B.C., being the last of the Kings; his dau. Tea Tephi m. Hermon Eochaid, King of Ireland, (gd. son of the Egyptian Phariorh mentioned in the Exodus, whoes dau., Scota m. Milesius, father of Hermon Echaïd). Their descendants were the Kings of Great Britain and Ireland.

LINEAGE

Adam, 4000-3070 B.C., of Eden, m. Eve.
Seth, 3870-2978 B.C., First son of Adam after the death of Able (Gen. iv. 25, 26).
Enos, 3765-2860 B.C., Son of Seth (Gen. iv. 26).

Six Generations.

Noah, 2944-2006 B.C., m. Naama.
Shem, 2442-2158 B.C., Eldest son of Noah (Gen. v. 32).

¹ A copy can be found in the Mobile Public Library.

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Eight Generations.

Abraham, 1992-1817 B.C., m. Sarah; m. (2) Keturah.
Isaac, 1896-1716 B.C., m. Rebekah.
Jacob, 1837-1690 B.C., m. Rachel; m. (2) Leah.
Judah, b. 1753 B.C., son of Leah; m. Tamar.

Nine Generations.

David, King of Judah and Israel, 1085-1015 B.C.; m. (4)
Bathsheba, widow of Uriah, the Hittite.

Sixteen Generations.

Zedekiah (whoes name was changed from Mathanicaah by the King of Babylon); King of Judah, 619-587 B.C., being the last of the Kings; his dau. Tea Tephi, who flourished in 580 B.C.; m. Hermon Eochaid, King of Ireland, (gd. son of the Egyptian Pharioh mentioned in the Exodus, whoes dau., Scota m. Milesius, father of Hermon Eochaid). Their descendants were the Kings of Great Britain and Ireland.

Thirty Seven Generations.

Lughaida Riebdearg, King of Ireland, reigning twenty years; m. Devorguilla, dau. of Fargall, King of Lochloinn, and d. of grief at her death, 9 B.C.

Thirty Two Generations

Malcolm II, King of Scotland, 1005-1034 A.D.; assassinated November 25, 1034.

Issue by m. (3) Aelgifu:

1. Bethoc, of whom further.
2. Alice, m. Sigure, Earl of Orkney, anceser of Agnes (Bowes) Conyers (q.v.).
3. Docha, m. Finley, Thane of Angus, d.1020.

Bethoc (called also Beatrix), Princess of Scotland, m. Crinan, the Thane, Lay Abboy of Dunkeld and Lord of the Isles; he was slain 1045. They had issue:

1. Maldred, m. Edith, dau.of Ughtred, Earl of Nothumberland, who m. Eligva, dau. Ethelred the Unready, King of England; their son was Gospatrick, d. 1085 (q.v.).
2. Duncan, d. 1040, of whom later.

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Duncan I, King of Scotland, 1034-1040; m. Maud, dau. of Siward, Earl of Northumberland, gd. son of Edward the Elder, King of England (gd. son of Alfred the Great). They had issue:

1. *Malcolm*, b. 1024, of whom further.
2. Margaret, b. 1026, m. Edgar Atheling, of England.
3. Donald Bane, b. 1028; d. 1098, King of Scotland, 1094-1097, ancestor of Elizabeth Ferres (q.v.).
4. Melmare, b. 1030, ancestor of the Earls of Athol

Malcolm III, King of Scotland, 1057-1093; b. 1024; slain at Alnwick, November 13, 1093; m. 1057 (1) Ingeborg; m. (2) 1067 Margaret, d. November 16, 1093, dau. of Edward the Outlar, and gd. dau. Edmund Ironside, who was fifth in male descent from Alfred the Great.
Issue by m.(2):

1. Edward, killed with his father at Alnwick.
2. Edgar, King of Scotland, 1097-1107; d.s.p.
3. Alexander I, King of Scotland, 1107-1124, b. 1077, April 24, 1124, d.s.p.
4. St. David I, King of Scotland, 1124-1153; b. 1080, d. May 24, 1153; m. 1113, Matilda, d. 1131, dau. of Waltheof, Earl of Northumberland, and Judith, niece of William the Conqueror, and dau of Odo, Count of Champagne.
5. *Matilda*, of whom later.
6. Mary, d. 1151; m. 1102, Eustace III, Count of Boulogne.

Matilda b. 1082; d. 1118; m. November 11, 1100, Henry I, King of England, fourth son of William the Conqueror and Matilda of Flanders; he was b. at Selby, Yorkshire, 1070; d. at St. Denis, in Normandy, December 1, 1135; crowned August 5, 1100. He m. (2) February 2, 1121, Adelicia, dau. of Godfrey, Duke of Louvaine and Clementine, dau of William the Greast, Count of Burgundy. She m. (2) William de Albini, Earl of Arundell and Buckingham, and became thus an ancestor of the Fitz-Alans, Earls of Arundell.

See Chart, William the Conqueror to Margaret MacKenzie, first wife of Alexander MacRae.

APPENDIX C
LINEAGE FROM CHARLEMAGE, EMPEROR OF THE WEST
THROUGH WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

Charlemagne the Great after conquering Europe, distributed kingdoms among his sons, was b. at Aix-la-Chapelle in 814.	= Hildegarde of Swabia.
Lewis le Devonaire King of France.	= Judith, dau. of Guelph I.
Charles H. Bald King and Emperor of France; d. 877.	= Hermentrude, dau. of Vodon, Earl of Orleans.
Baldwin I, Count of Flanders.	= Judith, widow of King Ethelwolf.
Baldwin II, Count of Flanders; d. 918.	= Alfretha, dau. of Alfred the Great; d. 901.
Arnold I, Count of Flanders.	= Alice, dau. of Herbert II, Count of Vermandois.
Baldwin III, Count of Flanders, d. 961.	= Machila, Dau. of Herman, Duke of Saxony.
Arnold II, Count of Flanders, d. 989.	= Susana, dau. of Berenger II, King of Italy.
Baldwin IV, Count of Flanders, d. 1036.	= Eleonora, dau. of Richard II, Duke of Normandy.
Baldwin V, Count of Flanders, d. 1067	= Adela, dau. of Robert I, King of France.
William the Conqueror 1035 - 1087	= Matilda of Flanders, d. 1083, Dau. of Baldwin V, 7th Count of Flanders and his wife, Lady Adela.

See Chart, William the Conqueror to Margaret MacKenzie, first wife of Alexander MacRae.

Chart by Sam B. St. John, 235 S. McGregor Ave, Mobile, AL.
Source is The Invincible, A Magazine of History, Vol. 1,
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Wilson Printing Co., St. Louis.

APPENDIX D
EMILY BLOUNT AS MADAME LA BARONNE
AND BARON DE RIVIERE'S DUEL IN MOBILE

Mr. Erwin Craighead, Editor of the Mobile Register, in 1925 had the opportunity to see the time faded pages of a newspaper, the Mobile Examiner, printed in 1838, and came upon the story of the Blount family and of Baron de Riviere's duel with Harry Maury. He included this in his collection of stories of Mobile, entitled *From Mobile's Past*. The following is his account.

On Spring Hill Avenue, at the southwest corner of Lafayette street, you will observe a handsome residence of the old style, of wood, painted white, and standing back from the street, in a considerable piece of well shaded ground. That is the house of the Blount family. In the summer evening, after the sun has gone down, you will see perhaps seated on the front porch of this residence a lady whose age is not yet what is called "venerable," but who has seen quite a number of summers nevertheless, and much more adventure than usually falls to the lot of women. If you should happen to know her, you recognize the charm of her personality. Her manner is vivacious but becomes her years; her interest in people and in things is fully alive. She has a multitude of friends and in turn has sincere affection for all those she knows, Madame la Baronne is her title, and before her marriage she was Emily Blount, whose romantic career filled many columns in the newspapers of the days gone by. Her story, or, rather, that of the madame and her husband, the true version of which I am able to tell, may prove of interest.

Standing on Royal Street, in the city of Mobile, we see a man of commanding height and figure, crossing with measured steps and slow. It is a military-looking man, with strong, well-bronzed face, and imposing mustache. He wears the costume of the day, but over his shoulders is thrown a heavy shawl, a la poncho, and his head is crowned with a broad-brimmed sombrero hat. The ensemble of figure and costume is striking. The spectator is impressed that this is somebody in particular. The gentleman passes on. This is one of his rare appearances in public. Most of the time he is in his room writing in English, French and Spanish to all parts of the world, his fertile brain conceiving plans of fortune. He is an old man now, but his shoulders are broad and straight, his voice resolute, his hope is unconquered. If you ask him of his plans, he speaks with exquisite courtesy, and in perfect English, and with absolute frankness, telling what he hopes to accomplish and how, and describing some of his adventures in distant lands, for his life has been one of adventure from the beginning. He is no longer rich, but, phui! what does that

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matter-often before he has been poor. Let him but have a chance again, and another fortune will be his. Has he not the precise knowledge? Does he not know the exact place where he may lay his hand on gold? And here, in this vile, is some of the gold as proof of itself; and here are the plans all authenticated.

Indeed, all is true, and all is possible as a reality except that there is no longer the fire and strength of youth, or, rather say, no longer the power to impress the world with a belief. The sole still aspires, the mind is clear, the purpose big, but the body in really but the simulacrum of its former self-in a few more years its activity must cease forever.

The inspirer of the wonder in the notable Hanri Arnous de Riviere, Baron de Riviere, chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, a participant in two great wars, a traveler, investigator, explorer and promoter. It is the story of this man I purpose now to tell. The excuse for telling it is that he is dead at last (May, 1909), a very old man, who returned to France, he said, to lay his bones in the soil of his native land and among those of his ancestors.

When he left our shores for the last time, but a month or so before his demise, the New York Herald recognized that it was in some sort an event, and devoted space and a prominent position in one of its issues to the melancholy spectacle of the old traveler's exit from the scene of so much of his activity-going home to die under the flag he had gallantly served.

De Riviere was born and reared in France. The date of his birth was 1828. He came of a good family, but no one of great wealth or prominence. He was educated for the army and his first active experience in war was the Crimea, where he displayed much gallantry and some insubordination, if we may judge from the fact that he broke out of the guard house and appeared suddenly in Paris, demanded the Legion of Honor ribbon as the reward of one of exploits; and he got it too; and it appears that nothing was done to him for disregarding the order of arrest. He wore the ribbon with great pride the rest of his life.

It was in 1857 that the dashing young hussar officer appeared in Mobile in the course of a lecturing tour upon the Crimean war. He bore letters to Madame Le Vert from friends in Europe. "I first met him in Madame Le Vert's home on Government Street," said the late Colonel T. K. Irwin in answer to a question, "and he was one of the finest looking men I ever saw. Afterwards we had a good deal of him in a

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semi-public way. He was a fine horseman and when he rode up and down Government Street, he was much admired, for he made a very attractive looking spectacle." A writer of memoirs says of him as he first appeared here;

"Young and singularly handsome, being the reputed heir of the Barony de Riviere and immense wealth, he was received everywhere with open arms. De Riviere was at that time a man of 27 or 28 years of age, possessing a handsome face bronzed by exposure, a tall muscular frame, a military carriage, with a lithe swing which suggested the souave dare-devil, he was a superb horseman-in fact, a man to capture the hearts of a people like the Southerners of those days, and to play havoc with the women."

It was not long before so aggressive a person was called upon to prove his right to occupy so much of the public's eye. Some say that there was jealousy of him because of his social success; some that quite a commonplace dispute "between gentlemen" was the occasion, but it is a fact that another arbiter elegantiarum lived then in Mobile, the distinguished Harry Maury, who had been with Walker in Nicaragua and had a reputation as a man of wit and courage. Certain it is that the duel which happened with Maury was not because of rivalry for the hand of Miss Emily Blount as some have written, as the lady mentioned was but a child of 15 at the time. Maury had a biting tongue. He cast aspersion upon De Riviere, calling him "Count No Count and Barren of intellect." The report of this was carried to the young Frenchman. In a Royal Street coffee house the two Hotspurs had it out, Maury being the insulter. De Riviere sent him a challenge which was accepted. One of the Roman family of New Orleans was De Riviere's second, and a cotton merchant, named Ned McDonald, served Maury in like capacity. The terms agreed upon were: Colt's revolvers to be used; distance 12 paces; to fire at any time between the call of one-two-three; combatants to advance and fire until one or both should fall.

The affair was regarded as desperate on these terms, as both men were considered excellent shots, but Maury had really the advantage over De Riviere, the latter saying afterwards that he never before had been used to handle the revolver. He was skilled in the use of the duelling pistol.

The place of the meeting was out near or beyond the Mississippi line, and the actual duel was over in quick time. At the word both men discharged their weapons. De Riviere was seen to turn half round as if jerked by the shoulder, and it was recognized that he had been hit, but he recovered and advanced. Maury was heard to mutter disgust at his failure to stop his man and that he would get him at the next fire; and

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so, he did, his ball striking the baron in the face and entering the left jawbone. The baron fell and was carried off the field. Some talk arose as to the failure of Maury's first ball to bring down its object, when the belief was that it had struck a vital spot. Report was that the baron wore a coat of mail, but this was negatived conclusively by the statement by Mr. Roman, that Maury's bullet had been intercepted by a twenty-dollar gold piece in the baron's vest pocket. Dr. C. H. Mastin, the physician present at the duel, also made a statement of like character. The explanation of the failure of the second bullet to kill was that either the powder was poor or that there was not enough of it used. Revolvers in those days were loaded by hand, metal cartridges being invented later.

At this point Colonel Frederick Blount, a well-to-do lawyer, enters upon the scene. De Riviere had brought letters to Blount and had been courteously received. Several times the baron had dined at the Blount home on Springhill Avenue, and was an entertaining and welcome visitor. Seeing, or hearing that the young man had been shot and perhaps seriously wounded, Colonel Blount had him taken into his own home, and there looked after by his wife, his daughter, Mary, and his daughter, Emily, the latter then not much above fifteen years of age. Convalescing in the garden and relating his adventures in war and elsewhere, the handsome captain captivated the heart of the younger daughter and made such a strong and favorable impression upon the mother that shortly after his recovery the three were missing, and it was said that De Riviere and Miss Emily Blount had run away to get married, the mother accompanying her daughter as guardian and to be the witness of the ceremony. The agitated father hastened after them, following to New Orleans, Havana and New York, and at last succeeded in getting his daughter under paternal authority again.

The baron seemed to realize that a match under adverse conditions and with one so young would not be precisely the sort of adventure he could speak well of at home. It is said even that there might have been a marriage in Havana had the gentleman been ready. What he said to the father was that the young lady should be sent to a convent for at least a year, and then he would renew his avowal of love and his offer of marriage, which he hoped would by that time be acceptable to the Colonel.

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Whether there was agreement or not, the baron returned to France and the Blounts to Mobile, and the heroine of the romance resumed her studies, interrupted by the elopement episode. About 1864, Baron DeRiviere renewed his address in formal manner, endorsed by his family in France, and Colonel Blount. Mrs. Blount and Miss Emily ran the blockade to Havana, and thence to Gibraltar, where they were met by the mother and sister of DeRiviere, and the marriage was duly solemnized in the city of Paris on July 4, 1865. DeRiviere gave as his reason for not coming to America, the war in this country, and pressing business engagements at home.

The subsequent domestic history of the couple does not concern the public save that after several years abroad the baron's taste for wandering and adventure and his search for fortune took him to many lands and his wife and children resided here in Mobile, the baron's last days being spent here, until his recent return to France, to die, as he expressed it, on his native soil.

The baron made several fortunes, which he threw away with princely extravagance. In setting up his household he spent enormous sums of money, and was equipped with every elegance that a taste for the beautiful could suggest. A great quantity of such articles were brought here by Madame la Baronne de Riviere, and were always the wonder of her intimates to whom she would from time to time display them.

One of his adventures that brought the baron goodly sum of money was the equipping and clearing of a large war vessel for the Confederacy. The vessel was built and fitted out in a German port, and was to be delivered at Charleston. How to get away from the watchful eye of the German authorities was the problem presented to his ingenious mind. Happily it was the winter season and under the pretense that he did not want his vessel to be frozen up in the harbor, he got permission to operate her engines and move about from place to place in the harbor. One night he had the vessel perform some evolutions, and when she got under the mouth of the harbor, she was put to sea and proceeded, although fired upon by the forts. The crew on board had no idea of going on an ocean voyage, but it was explained to them that if they went back they would be punished; so the ship went on. It was never delivered, however, for Charleston had fallen before it reached the port.

The baron took part in the Franco-Prussian war and was in the great battle of Gravelotte. Some accounts say that he got his cross of the Legion of Honor for gallantry in the engagement, but a friend here says that he himself told of the way he obtained this decoration.

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One of the most prolonged adventures he made was in Bolivia, in an effort to develop a gold mining concession. The golden sands were those over which flowed the upper waters of the Beni river, and were reached by a long and dangerous climb over the Andes from La Paz, Bolivia. Bleak mountains passes had to be crossed, terrible forests in the lowlands, and river rapids had to be navigated on rafts; and there were wild beasts and fearful diseases to be met and overcome. The baron organized at least three expeditions into that savage region, in one of which he was accompanied by his daughter, Sabine, who was with him in many of his South American adventures. In his diary, which he kept carefully from day to day, is recorded his experiences in the wilderness; his trails and difficulties; the successes and final failure. There was gold and an abundance of it, but the climate was absolutely hostile to white invasion. He tells of attacks of intermittent fever which prostrated both himself and daughter, and which became so severe that, fearing they would die there, he determined to make their escape. The disease manifested itself most violently every second day, the father being down one day and the daughter the next. Accompanied by a few fateful natives, they undertook a journey of several hundred miles through the forest, using mules to carry them. How they ever survived such an experience is one of the wonders of the wonderful story. They got back to La Paz more dead than alive. The baron made other journeys to his gold field, but sent Miss Sabine to her mother here in Mobile. Later, in 1892, he came himself, still full of the project of utilizing the concession to build a roadway so as to make it possible to bring gold profitably from the distant land where it still awaits development.

Old and broken in health if not in spirit, he was induced to go some few years ago to a Trappist monastery in Indiana, but returned to Mobile. Not very long ago he went to a daughter in New York; and thence wrote to the French government asking the hospitality of France that he might return home to die.

Some weeks before his death a letter was received from his daughter Sabine, in Paris, saying that her father was there and that any day might be his last; and that when he died he was promised that he should have a military funeral.

Besides his wife and three daughters, he left a son, named Henry, who was last here some fifteen years ago, and, as a letter received some time ago tells, is now in Alaska.

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NOTE:

I well remember the time when the baron and the madam came first to my attention. I was then a lad in Nashville, very early in the seventies, and a resident in the Maxwell House, a famous place of its day. Thither came the distinguished Frenchman en grande tenue, with valets and maids and an array of trunks and boxes that created a stir in that big caravanserie. Soon it was noised about that a real baron had arrived, also a baroness, the latter being a Blount, member of a family well known throughout the South; and the good people of Nashville made all haste to call with their welcome to the City of Rocks. The DeRivieres managed in great style. As the moderns say, they did themselves very well indeed. They brought their own furnishings for room and table, and were waited on by their own servants. Everything was of the most elegant material and fashion. They gave many fine dinners and were invited out in turn to the best homes in Nashville, so that there was a great round of gaiety that deeply impressed itself upon my young mind. I was the witness then of what fashion and wealth meant. Of all the people I knew none attempted such lavish outlay. I had the notion conveyed to me that here, at last, was what was known as "untold wealth." Certainly, it looked like that.

Twenty years later, I happened to be talking with my friend Zadek, the Mobile jeweler, of the romance of the DeRivieres, when he asked, "Do you want to see something?" He opened his safe and took out a box from which he produced a pearl-inlaid and silk fan, set with diamonds.

"Beautiful!" I said. "Very rich! What about it?"

"Madame de Riviere's," he answered.

"For repairs?" I asked.

"No," he answered, "for Sale."

The madame died October 6, 1917.

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In 1826 John McRae, the Shepard family ancestor, moved to the mouth of the Pascagoula with his family where he bought land for his home and to serve as a port where ships were lightered for river traffic. This home sight actually faced the Mississippi Sound and was in the vicinity of the present McRae cemetery in Gautier, where John McRae and his youngest son James B. are buried. This home was later known as the McRae Hotel and became a resort which was in operation as late as the Civil War. In 1836, after the death of John, his son Colen bought and deeded to his mother Elizabeth, several hundred acres of land between Bayou La Motte and Bayou aux Prunes which became her home known as La Motte. The home sight was the high ground, east of Bayou aux Prunes. In 1837 the McRae's bought the Isabella Glaud place which is adjacent to La Motte, running on the water front east toward the original home sight.

Title to the West Pascagoula property, now called Gautier, passed from Elizabeth to her daughter, Isabella Olivia McRae, who married James Emile Armor and later title was vested in her children, Kate McRae Armor that, m. Charles Martin Shepard; Elizabeth McRae Armor that m. Albert J. Perry; and Gelene Armor that, m. Nicholas Stallworth.

The current parcel on the west is owned by the children of Ruth Shepard Davis. Ruth Elizabeth and her husband Matthew L. Davis had built a home on this sight after his retirement as manager of the Montgomery Alabama airport. The next parcel was the location of Camp La Motte, operated by the sisters, Isabel and Kate Shepard; Charles M. Shepard III and family occupy this sight; next east is the home of Annie Laurie Davis and her husband Fredrick Donaldson; the Horace Armor Shepard family occupy as a summer home, the next parcel extending to Bayou La Motte. Moss Island, in the Bayou La Motte delta is owned by Charles M. Shepard III, east of the Bayou are the homes of the Dean Shepard family and the Louis V. Shepard family; next east are two undeveloped home sights, one owned by Mary Kate Shepard Cook, the other by Horace Armor Shepard Jr.

Isabel Shepard had bequeathed at her death in 1952, her interest and the interest she inherited from her sister, Kate, in various real estate parcels to her immediate family. Horace A. Shepard Jr. accumulated from family members, the woodland acreage north of Graveline Road. On December 20, 1976, Horace made a gift of 300 acres to the State of Mississippi for use as "Shepard State Park."

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AN 1848 LETTER

The following letter is an interesting account of the East and West Pascagoula homes of the McRae family during this period.

Pascagoula, Aug. 23rd, 1848

Dear Brother,

You can see by your geography where the Gulf of Mexico is. Well I am there, plunging into the gulf two or three times a day, and if you have time and patience you shall have an account of it.

I had a magnificent exhibition at the school. The newspapers have noticed it but I have none at hand now. The exhibition lasted three days. The audience was large and respectable. Many of them from a distance of 50 to 80 miles. The public speaking by students was on the last day, and for this purpose there was a large arbor constructed to accommodate the audience, as the house could not contain anything like the whole of them. The arbor was formed by sinking tall post in the ground, laying poles across and covering the whole with green boughs. It formed a cool and delightful place. The speeches by the students, some original and some select, gave the highest satisfaction. After the speaking the whole company partook of a splendid dinner in the woods, which dinner the people of the place had gotten up for the occasion. Altogether it was a grand affair. A number of new scholars were engaged for the coming year, and the prospects of the school are now better than ever. My assistant teacher is to be a young man of the name of Robert Shannon, who graduated at South Hanover College this summer.

I remained home about a week after the exhibition and then started for this place on horseback, coming with a young gentleman who had been one of my students. Horseback was not the most agreeable way for me, at least in hot weather. After the first day I got an opportunity of riding with another friend in a carriage and I sent the horse back. We had a very pleasant journey. We traveled leisurely, stopping not at taverns, for there were none in this country, but at the houses of wealthy farmers and others, who treated us with the utmost kindness and unlike the Yankees would receive from us no pay for their trouble. We left home on Monday and on Friday arrived on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, near the mouth of the Pascagoula River. The Gulf of course has precisely the

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appearance of the ocean. The proprietor of the hotel¹ here had two boys at my school, and he and his lady had given me a pressing invitation to spend vacation with them. It is an extensive establishment not far from New Orleans. The steamboats from that place touch here every day. It is greatly resorted to by visitors like Saratoga and other fashionable places. There is a large number of visitors here now. What is more, the United States Army, or at least one division of it, is stationed here under command of General Twiggs, the hero of Cerro Gordo. About fifty officers board at the hotel though they sleep in the camp in their tents. The renowned General Zachary Taylor arrived the night before I came. Shortly after I got here I inquired whether the old gentleman had made his appearance. I was pointed to an elderly man standing close beside me, and informed in a whisper that that was the hero himself. Of course I was not long without taking a good look at him. His back was turned toward me at that time. He is about the middle height and stoutly built. His shoulders are rounded pretty much like Dr. Junkin, though he is a larger man. He was dressed in a black frock coat and white pantaloons. There was nothing in his dress to distinguish him from any other citizen. His face was sunburned and weather-beaten, and his features reminded me of David Spear. His gait when he walks has been called by somebody a waddle, and that is the best name I can give it. I would have taken him for a plain hardworking farmer. There is nothing of the military in his appearance. I have had the pleasure of an introduction to him and have heard him conversing freely on all subjects. I have a better opinion of him than I had before I saw him. I take him to be of strong good sense, who forms his own notion of things, and who, where he has the power will carry out his own views without fear or favor. But I think this trait unfits him for the Presidency. For he is of necessity ignorant of state affairs, and an ignorant man who regards no one's opinion but his own is the worst kind of a person for president. Cass, everybody knows, is a learned man and has great experience as a statesman. I saw Cass once or twice in Harrisburg and formed a high opinion of him. Taylor's wife and daughter are here. Major Bliss is here, too, the General's private secretary who writes all his letters for him. Taylor has a plantation not far from this and some hundred slaves. He plants cane and manufactures sugar. His officers like him very much as a general, but there are few of them I am told who will vote for him for President. I had a fine opportunity of seeing the officers. They all came in a body, or rather in detachments, dressed in regimentals, to pay their respects to

¹ The hotel was the McRae Hotel in East Pascagoula, the proprietors were Malcolm J. McRae and his wife Mary Ann, their sons were Taylor McRae, b. 1845 and Malcolm J. McRae Jr., b. 1847, both babies at the time.

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the General. There are very few of them that are really fine looking men. Gen. Twiggs has the most soldier-like appearance. Most of them are very young men. A great number of the soldiers are sick, completely broken down by war. They are placed here to recover. The camp and their way of life might interest you. I saw a Mexican woman here that one of the soldiers had married and brought with him. She was dressed like all Mexican women in a red shawl which covered her head and shoulders and nearly her whole body. She is low in stature, her complexion a dark olive, her eyes are jet black, but I did not think her features handsome.

Shortly after coming to the hotel, I was furnished with a towel and directed to the bathing house. It is situated out in the Gulf and approached by a kind of bridge or scaffolding extending a quarter of a mile out into the water. There are two houses, one for ladies and one for gentlemen with a latter so constructed that you can swim out from under it. I can only say that if you have never bathed in salt water you cannot be about it too soon. The water is about deep enough for good swimming; the bottom is level and sandy. Besides the salt water bears you up so that you can swim more easily than in fresh water and you feel a great deal better when you come out. It is customary for all men, women, and children to take a bath after they arise in the morning, then again at eleven o'clock and many of them before going to bed. It is thought to contribute greatly to health. The greatest sport is when the waves are rolling high; I found it difficult to keep on the surface at such time.

The Gulf furnishes oysters, crabs, and all sorts of fishing in the greatest abundance. A slave goes out in the morning with a boat and a rake and returns with a boat full of oysters that he has raked from the bottom. Crabs are large and taste good either baked in the shell or stewed or made into soup. I am growing fat on fish. I need not name the different sorts. We have flounders, brim, sheepshead and a numberless variety. I care little for fresh water fish but these out of salt water have a different taste. There are plenty of alligators swimming about in the water, some of them eight and ten feet long, but they do not harm except to destroy pigs, geese, etc. It is curious to watch the porpoise tumbling about in the water and blowing like a lazy negro. The second night after I came the Gulf presented a very curious appearance. It had the appearance of a gulf on fire. I heard Gen Taylor comparing it to a burning prairie. It was lighted up; the waves seemed to be rolling flames of fire. It was a dark night, neither moon nor stars. The night was a rare one. Those who have been living here fifteen or twenty years have never seen it before.

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The Hotel I arrived at first is called East Pascagoula. It is kept by Mr. McRae. There is one on the other side of the bay called the West Pascagoula. It was at West Pascagoula I intended to stay. The lady² who owns it had a son in my school. He is going to start for Princeton. She had invited me to stay with her during the vacation, but the wind was so high that I could not venture across the bay for several days. At last Gen Twiggs who is a widower and a great gallant among the ladies, to accommodate some ladies who wished to go over, ordered a United States Steamship to convey them across the bay. I was invited to take passage in her also, and in a short time I found myself safely lodged in West Pascagoula. There I have remained. I need not attempt to describe this truly lovely place. There is but one establishment. There is nothing like a village; it is a retired country residence, no other near. It is situated right on the Gulf. A green shady bank descends from the house to the water's edge. Steamboats come close to the place. There is everything to make it delightful. Every luxury in the way of fish, flesh or fowl is found here in abundance or brought here from the cities of New Orleans or Mobile. The company that resort here during the hot season is of the most select and fashionable description, principally from New Orleans or Mobile. It is not every one that can afford it. Boarding cost twelve dollars and a half per week or if you stay less than a week it is two dollars a day. They have wine as high as twelve dollars a bottle. Now \$12.50 a week would soon use up ones earnings, but you will bear in mind that as to myself I am an invited guest. Our amusements and employments of course differ according to our tastes. The first thing in the morning is to bathe in the salt gulf. None of us are very early risers. We take breakfast at nine o'clock, dinner at four, and supper at eight. After breakfast the ladies are engaged with some music at the piano, some with fancy work, some reading and some writing letters. Some of the gentlemen play billiards and nine pins, some go hunting, some fishing. I have been three miles off in a boat on the gulf fishing. About the middle of the day all take another bath and dress for dinner. Then with a book or newspaper we sit ourselves under some of the large trees in front of the house to enjoy the delicious sea breeze which blows here all day and makes it cool and delightful. The dinner bell rings at four. I need not tell you of the dainties of the table. After dinner the ladies and gents together play billiards or nine pins; some ramble in groups through the woods; some walk through the gardens amid trees loaded with oranges and pomegranate, or vines hanging with delicious grapes; some stroll along the beach and gather sea shells or ride on horse-back out into the country, while others get into boats and take a sail on the

² This lady was Elizabeth, widow of John McRae and the son was her youngest, James B. McRae, b. 1830.

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the fire. The chief orders his savages to hold dances in the evenings. This dance takes place to the sound of their little drum and their rattle; they dance in a circle to the number of 20 or 30 without grasping each other. The master of the dance is their head. At a whistle they break their circle and mingle together, always keeping time. Then, on a second whistle they reform their circle with astonishing accuracy. They have other dances besides, of which I will speak more fully later.

We slept at the house of the great chief on beds of canes which are plaited and tied, like beds of sacking interlaced with each other, and covered with buffalo skins. The next morning we went to walk in their fields where they sow their corn. The women were there with their men working. The savages have flat, bent sticks, which they use to hoe the ground, for they do not know to work it as is done in France. They scratch the soil with these crooked sticks and uproot with them the canes and the weeds which they leave on the earth in the son during fifteen days or a month. Then they set fire to them and when they are reduced to ashes they have a stick as large as the arm, pointed at one end, with which they make holes in the earth three feet apart; they put into each hole seven or eight grains of corn and cover them with earth. It is thus that they sow their corn and their beans. When the corn is a foot high they take great care, as in France, to get rid of the weeds which get into it, and repeat it two or three times a year. They make use even now of their wooden hoes, because they find them lighter, although we have given them hoes of iron.

We remained some days in this village, and then we returned to our fort.

One of the Fort Maurepas colonist, Jean Baptiste Baudreau de la Graveline⁴ was granted a huge tract of land that stretched all the way from the Pascagoula River to the bay of Biloxi. Although he had lived at Martin's Bluff and at the sight of the "Old Place," (where highway 90 crosses the West Pascagoula) he also lived on the coast near what is now "Oldfields." A neighbor was located just to the west by the name of Francois Rillieux, an immigrant from Lyons, France, and great-grandfather of the French Impressionist, Degas. It is not known if S^R La Motte ever lived in the area of Bayou La Motte, he is however shown on a 1752 chart as a neighbor of S^R Graveline having a part time home on the Pascagoula River identified as "maison des S^R La Motte et denis habitant." There were still some of these friendly Indians, in this area,

⁴ Information about both Graveline and his neighbor Rillieux was taken from Jay Higginbotham's book *Pascagoula*.

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Penicaut, the carpenter on board Iberville's ship when they came to the New World in 1699 had to make friends with the Indians and thus came to know the tribes of the Pascagoula. In his narrative of 22 years as an eyewitness to this French adventure, he gives the following account:

We camped, on leaving our fort (Ocean Springs) at the mouth of their river, named like them, *Pascagoulas*, which is at the bottom of the bay of the same name (this would be the West Pascagoula, and the campsite possibly the high ground of the Shepard property.) We mounted this river 20 leagues (nearly 60 miles) from its entrance, and arrived the third day at their village. As it was toward the end of August and was very warm, all the savages there were bare as the hand, the men and boys; the women and girls had only a little moss, which was passed between their legs and covered their nakedness, they being as to the rest of the body entirely naked.

We were very well received by their great chief and all the savages of the village. They gave us food and drink, among other things, bison, bear, and deer flesh, and all sorts of fruit in abundance, such as peaches, plums, watermelons, pumpkins, and all of an exquisite flavor. The pumpkins are much better than in France; they are cooked without water, and the juice which comes out of them is like syrup, so sweet it is. In regard to the watermelons, they are almost like those in France. The peaches are better and larger, but the plums are not so good; there are two kinds, white and red. They served us also with their hominy (sagamite) which is a kind of porridge made with corn and beans which are like those in France. Their bread is of corn and a grain which comes from the canes. They have plates made of wood and others of earthenware; they are very well made, although by the hand of savages. The women of the savages also make large earthen pots, almost like kettles, which hold perhaps 40 pints, in which they have their hominy cooked for two or three families. This is the way in which they arrange among themselves in order not to have the trouble of doing the same things every day, each doing it in his turn for their cabins. The covering of the cabin roofs are for the most part of bark of trees; there are others which are made of leaves which are called in this country *latanier*, (our palmetto) which is a tree peculiar to the country. An observation which I have made regarding savages is that whatever abundance of provisions they have, they never take an excess of it, for they take only with the fingers, although they have spoons made of buffalo horn. Their meat is ordinarily smoked or otherwise bucaned, as they say in this country. They have, however, a kind of gridiron on which to put it, but very little fire under it, scarcely enough to dry it, the smoke contributing to this as much as the heat of

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gulf. The evening passes over in agreeable chit chat or in dancing to fine music or in playing cards. It so happens that every one finds something to suit him or her. We must retire at eleven or twelve except when there are balls or dances. The lady of the house has four very intelligent and highly accomplished daughters who add much to the attractions of the place. I must hurry through with my letter for it must be mailed shortly. This is now Monday the 4th of September, just two years since I left Oxford. I shall leave this for my school in about a week. I have been writing a line here and there as I had time between all the interruptions.

Just before I left I lent a man a thousand dollars at interest of six percent. Some of it was bank notes but most of it was in gold and silver. This you see I have cleared since I came here two years ago after paying all my expenses. I shall hardly write again till I receive your letter and that of my Harrisburg lawyer. I received both your newspapers. They were acceptable. Give my love to Mother. I shall rejoice in her welfare. Remember me kindly to my brothers and sisters and to their families.

Your affectionate brother,
David Moore

INDIANS

The summer home of the Horace Shepard family is located on top of an Indian "kitchen midden," and on the Charles M. Shepard III property, geologists have excavated an Indian village. Over the years, storm tides have eaten into this midden with pottery and arrow heads strewn on the beach to be gathered at will. The question is usually asked, who were these Indians?

The French³ when they came to this coast listed the tribes as the Bayougoulas, Ouachas, Houmas and the Natchez, natives of the Mississippi River. The Calapissas lived on the banks of the Pearl River and the Biloxis lived from the bay and river to which they have given their name eastward nearly to Bayou La Batrie and up the Pascagoula River, their main village being some twenty-five to forty miles above its mouth. The Pascagoulas lived on the same river but further north. Living on the Pascagoula were also two smaller tribes known as the Capian and the Mactobis. Other tribes were listed north of the Pascagoulas and west to the Mobile River system.

³ *Four Centuries on the Pascagoula*, by Mr. Cyril Edward Cane and also from Fort Maurepas, by Jay Higginbotham.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The food is simple, well cooked, temptingly served and plentiful. Fresh fruits and vegetables form a large part of each meal. Parents are requested not to send cakes or candies as eating between meals is never permitted. The meals are carefully planned and the necessary amount of sweets provided. Drinking water is pure and abundant.

A camper who is ill is moved to the infirmary. The camp physician can be gotten in a few minutes. There is also a well equipped hospital near by.

Campers are required to bring 4 sheets (single), 3 pillow slips, pillow, one cotton blanket, 6 towels, 2 wash cloths, one pair tennis shoes, bathing shoes, rain coat, sweater, two bathing suits, flash light, drinking cup, tennis racket, balls, sewing kit. All articles must be marked and inventory sent with each outfit. Directors are not responsible for articles left at camp.

CAMP FEES

The charges for the camp season of eight weeks are \$110.00, for four weeks \$60.00. This amount covers board, use of camp equipment, infirmary fees, including medicine and especially prepared meals, laundry, transportation from train to camp and return. Of this amount ten dollars, \$10.00, is paid for registration and \$50.00 paid at the beginning of each four weeks. A reduction of five per cent is allowed when two or more in one family are enrolled. The charge for one hour of horseback riding instruction and road work, twice a week, is \$6.00 for four weeks. A small allowance for spending money, about five dollars for the eight weeks should be deposited for each camper to pay for stamps, stationery, shot for rifle practice and art materials. No reduction is made for withdrawals except in the case of severe illness.

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 - Setting up exercises-swimming.	3:00 - Hiking-tennis-
7:15 - Breakfast.	Sailing-rowing-
8:30 - Inspection.	horseback-games-
9:00 - Games-woodcraft-art-tennis-	archery-riflery.
riflery-academic work-dancing-	6:00 - Supper.
dramatics-nature study-rowing-	7:00 - Story hour-
sailing.	stunts-plays-
11:00 - Swimming-diving.	dancing.
12:15 - Dinner.	9:00 - Lights out.
1:30 - Rest hour.	

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Aphra Morris-New Orleans, La.	Alice Glenney-New Orleans, La.
Claire Kern-New Orleans, La.	Carol Quint-New Orleans, La.
Mary Thompson-New Orleans, La.	Dotty Quint-New Orleans, La.
Kenneth Thompson-New Orleans, La.	Honore Schill-New Orleans, La.
Mary Rhodes-New Orleans, La.	Harry Pake-Mobile, Ala.
Peggy Ray Steinfirsh-New Orleans, La.	Carolyn Marshall-Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Bruce Jones-New Orleans, La.	Taylor Morris-New Orleans, La.
Cecile Starr-New Orleans, La.	Wallase Westfeldt-New Orleans, La.
Virginia Lloyd-Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Ruth Feldman-New Orleans, La.
Frances Lary-Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Dotty Kohn-Mobile, Ala.
Annie Lee Morris-Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Gloria Thomas-New Orleans, La.
Sheila O'Leary-New Orleans, La.	Mathilde Thomas-New Orleans, La.
Jane Prowell-Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Luis Gallop-New Orleans, La.
Gloria Rothschild-New Orleans, La.	Philip Faust-New Orleans, La.
Betty Monroe-New Orleans, La.	Maxine Salem-New Orleans, La.
Herbert Schiff-Mobile, Ala.	Ellie Witherspoon-New Orleans, La.
Helen Baldwin-New Orleans, La.	Martha Witherspoon-New Orleans, La.
Lucille Dorgan-Mobile, Ala.	Charles Janvier-New Orleans, La.
Annita Louise Dempsey-Mobile, Ala.	Albert Tebo-New Orleans, La.
Barbara Haywood-New Orleans, La.	Sam St. John-Mobile, Ala.
Katherine Semple-Mobile, Ala.	Carol Shepard-Mobile, Ala.
Joice Borge-Montgomery, Ala.	Arthe Monroe-New Orleans, La.
Virginia Leob-Montgomery, Ala.	Fred Miller-New Orleans, La.
Betty Moody-Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Matthew Davis-Montgomery, AL.
Sam J. Kayser-Mobile, Ala.	Maxwell Kennedy-Tuscaloosa, AL.
Ann Redding-Mobile, Ala.	Craig Kennedy-Tuscaloosa, AL.

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In the attic of 1552 Monterey Place, Mobile Alabama, a home built by Charles Martin Shepard, was found in 1973 after the death of Mr. Horace A. Shepard, a very old suit case filled with various accounts of the period mid-1887 to the end of 1894, while Geronimo and the Apache Indians were at Mt. Vernon Barracks. These writings were in the form of letters and historic novelettes by Sophie Shepard, her sister Margaret Shepard and one Heywood Lee. One of the novels is signed, M. Martin d'Auge, a pen name used by Margaret, taken from ancestor, Sophie Scott d'Auge, Haywood Lee could have also been a pen name.

Sophie and Margaret Shepard were living with their family at Mt. Vernon when Geronimo and the Apaches arrived as prisoners of the United State. There place in this part of American history was as school teachers for the young Indian children. The older children, about one hundred, were sent away from their parents to the Carlisle School in Pennsylvania.

In August 1886 Geronimo and the Apache Indians surrendered as the Apache War in the Southwest came to an end. As prisoners, they were constant breakouts, being so close to their native habitat, so it was decided to remove them to the Southeast and to institute a acculturation program (The modification of a primitive culture by contact with an advanced culture.) They were removed by train to Florida, then to Mt. Vernon Barracks.

Sophie acknowledged she could not have conducted classes without Geronimo's assistance, because he forced the children to attend school and thrashed them if they didn't. She gave Geronimo a service medal for his help, of which, he was very proud and would display it to anyone who showed an interest.

The following is one of the novelettes as well a one of the letters, each giving a first hand insight during this period.

AN APACHE INDIAN HOO DOO
(A story founded on fact)
by Margaret Shepard

CHAPTER 1.

Not many years since the Apache Indians in Arizona went on the war path under the leadership of Geronimo their chief, and after a fierce struggle were defeated and captured by General Miles, they were sent with their families, as prisoners of war to St. Augustine Florida.

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The problem, where to place them was a hard one. It was necessary for the public peace to take them away from their mountain fastnesses, but, such was the Apache's unlovely reputation that nobody wanted him.

After several years at St. Augustine, they were quietly set down at Mt. Vernon Barracks, in Southern Alabama. No one had time to object, and before the whites had recovered from their surprise sufficiently to realize the proximity of the fierce savages, they decided that the Apache, in captivity, was a harmless sort of being, and forthwith set to work to make all the money they could out of him, during his sojourn among them.

May was in its glory when they filed off the train at Mount Vernon. As they left the cars the country in sight was low and flat and covered of scrub trees, shut in by a distant but unbroken line of lofty pines. The view presented was not calculated to raise the spirits of the mountain loving Indians. They huddled off and stood a motley, unkempt group as they paused a moment before their march to the Post.

A short walk from the station soon proved that the country was not all flat, as it at first appeared, but hilly.

Ploughing through the sand, past a drinking saloon, two pretty cottages and the Post Office, the Indians found themselves face to face with a broad and somewhat dilapidated road that led straight up the hill. At it's top the road lost itself and its deformities under an avenue of glorious old live oaks. Their limbs interlaced overhead and the ground would have been covered with crisp little leaves but for the military regulation which deprived the giants of their natural sustenance, every leaf and twig that dropped being immediately raked up and carted away. On the left, was a large grey building with broad piazzas, upstairs and down, in characteristic southern fashion. This was the hospital. On the opposite side was a row of little sunbaked cottages, occupied by the Canteen and the non-commissioned officers. Passing up the avenue the Indians came to one of the most picturesque gates in America, where the guard paced to and fro with his gravity and his musket. The heavy brick wall surrounding the place swelled into a graceful arch over the gateway, which was so flecked with a mixture of shadows and stains that it was hard at first glance to distinguish one from the other. The main gate was large and oval opening in two halves. On either side were two smaller gates. In spite of their massive beauty they reminded one irresistibly of the doors the poet Cowper arranged so as to let in, at once, his big and his little cat.

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Once within the gate the beauty of the old Post made itself felt; with its smooth, green parade-grounds, its pretty quarters for the officers, its picturesque Barracks and tower of observation and its avenues of Magnolia trees.

CHAPTER 2

Three years had passed and the Apaches had made great strides toward civilization under the wise guardianship of the United States Army. Many of the young men had enlisted and all were clothed and well looked after by the U. S. Government. A village of comfortable wooden houses had been built for them, much of the work having been done by the Indians themselves, for which they received just wages. They were gradually struggling towards civilized ways of thinking and living, but it was hard to give up their early habits and superstitions. Geronimo had been among them, as Justice of the Peace. Arrayed in the cast off uniform of one of the Army Officers, he usually presented himself on Sunday, at the Sunday School and Chapel services, where he was followed by many of his admiring tribe.

Few locations in 1890 could show such a panorama as constantly appeared before the gate of Mt. Vernon Barracks; a varied stream of humanity made up, not only of specimens of three great divisions of the human family, Caucasian, Indian, and African, but of many phases of the same. The latest style of dress, manners and personal carriage might be seen attempted by the unkempt, sloughy backwoodsman; the dirty, tattered or aggressively fine looking negro, and young Indian squaws with their long flowing hair and startling colors.

At one moment a graceful, well-dressed woman of society (the wife or daughter of some army officer) would pass under flickering lights and shadows of the stately oaks; then would follow a toothless old squaw with heavy shoes on her unaccustomed feet, a cotton dress very short in the back, very long in the front, and a crimson table cloth over her head, a pumpkin hung over each arm and on her back, a carefully covered basket in which was concealed everything she could get at the shops, in exchange for the last issue of shoes and clothing bestowed upon her by Uncle Sam. Next would come a young Indian woman with gleaming teeth and exquisite dark eyes wearing a scarlet cotton dress, with a white sheet thrown over her head, bringing vividly to mind the pictures of eastern women. Numerous strings of beads were wound about her neck and arms and long bead earrings hung from her ears. Around her short waist, which, like that of the famous Venus de Milo, was not small, was a black leather belt studded with twenty or thirty hammered silver dollars, a remnant of her Arizona earnings, where she would tell you proudly money was

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"muncher", and baskets sold high. Strapped from her forehead by a broad buckskin of leather band and hanging over her strong and slightly bent back was an Indian cradle or basket in which her tiny "papoose" slept, cried or played as he might prefer.

In front of her marched her husband dressed in a white duck suit furnished by the government, a hat on the back of his head, and no burden under the son but the burden of his thoughts.

Presently a patient team, sometimes of eight, sometimes of two oxen, would labor slowly by; the driver a negro or backwoodsman, walking with measured, deliberate strides by its side cracking his whip at intervals, but giving on further sign of personal vigor, beyond an occasional yell. He even yelled in a stolid sort of way, as if it were purely a matter of the way the ox-driving public expected him to act.

Among the Indians was a young man named Chechil and a maiden called Cloitzo. Today they had turned their backs upon the village and wandered to the hills gathering flowers as they went. Very different were these gentle slopes, green with new spring grass from which looked out the arbutus and wild iris, to the sharp peaks of their native Arizona; but, as they seated themselves by some thick dogwood bushes, white with bloom, and looked into each others eyes, they were happy.

Love, the universal joy giver and inspirer, had breathed upon them, and forthwith, the best that was in them had sprung into life. Time, place, circumstance, were all lost sight of in the blissful consciousness that each was all in all to the other; and they felt in the words of the old song

"Oh Love I care not where it be,
If only I can be with thee."

"Chechil" said Cloitzo, speaking in Apache, "I am so glad we are together, at last. All day, I have tried to get away from Zoe, but, wherever I went she followed me and looked at me with such hate in her eyes that I was frightened. O do not let her hurt me Chechil."

"Don't be afraid, Cloitzo, I will take care of you," said Chechil but, even as he spoke he felt a sinking at his heart when he thought of the weird hoo-doo of the tribe. "we will try to keep out of her way, sweetheart," he added cheerfully "and she may fail to cast her spell upon us."

Cloitzo drew closer to him "Do you remember Bezine" she said "Zoe was angry with his mother. He had never harmed her,

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but she cursed him with horrid snakes and lizards till they killed him. You know Geronimo is a great medicine man and he could not help him."

"I wonder that Geronimo is not afraid of Zoe" said Chechil. "She is so sly, she is like the wild panther of Arizona. You here no sound, but she creeps, creeps, creeps, close to you and suddenly you look up and her slithering evil eyes are fixed upon you."

"Why does she hate me?" said Cloitzo.

Chechil hesitated; "You know Cloitzo that Geronimo, as our chief, selects the woman that each one of the men of the tribe is to marry, sometimes he allows us to choose for ourselves, but they do not care specially for anyone and willingly do as he bids them

Many days ago Geronimo told me that at a certain time. I was to marry Zoe. I did not then know that I loved you, so I was ready to obey him."

"Were you not afraid of her?"

"No, for a long time she was all right whenever I saw her. One night when I was one of the men on guard in the village I heard a loud cry for help. I ran towards the sound and found Zoe, crazy with drink, beating and dragging her poor mother about by the hair. She was like a demon. I took her to the guard house and the next day I begged Geronimo to take back his command and" --suddenly the bushes behind them waved frantically and at the same instant a dark hand flashed out a long knife before Chechil's eyes, but before it could strike, Cloitzo with swift perception sprang forward, dashed the dastard blow aside and stood with blazing eyes, confronting-- Zoe!

"Devil!" she cried, her gentleness all gone in the anger she felt at the danger which had threatened her lover, "You are like the filthy, crawling serpent that hides its poison and its slime in the innocent grass, only to pierce with death the unwary as they pass you by!" "Come I will fight you now and end forever your hatred and your persecution or be ended by you!"

She started forward but Chechil held her back. Zoe pointed at her with a skinny finger, while a contemptuous smile spread over her evil face.

"I can wait" she said "but you shall not escape me" and with a hollow laugh she disappeared.

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Three weeks later many of the officers of the Post sat with their wives in the small chapel which was situated midway between the walls of the Garrison and the Indian Village. They were awaiting a strange event viz; the marriage ceremony to be solemnized by a Christian minister, between two children of the forest. Chechil and Cloitzo had declared that they wished to be married like the white man. Simultaneously the ladies and gentlemen of the Post rose up, as it were, to welcome them to the paths of civilized custom; and hence it was that this bright spring afternoon found them here, many with wedding gifts and all in full sympathy with them.

One of the ladies played the little melodeon, and as Cloitzo and Chechil, arm in arm, appeared at the door a merry wedding march resounded through the little building. The bride was arrayed in typical Indian fashion; her short buckskin dress, profusely embroidered with beads, a belt studded with silver about her waist. Her long black hair was ornamented with beads, and flowed over her shoulders; her dark eyes shone with suppressed feeling and her olive cheek was flushed with excitement and happiness. She had been taught by the minister to make responses in English, and when the interpreter translated to her what he said she responded quite distinctly in her soft Apache voice. Tears of sympathy rushed to the eyes of more than one devoted wife as she heard this simple child of nature take the solemn marriage vows and felt that she meant what she said.

The ceremony concluded, everyone crowded round the couple to shake hands. It is preplexing to offer congratulations to those whose language we do not understand, but the gifts spoke volumes and many times the blushing bride and groom proudly spoke their English "Thank you." But in the midst of their joy some one jostled Cloitzo and as she looked she saw through the crowd the figure of a woman, closely wrapped in a sheet, walking rapidly away. A deadly sickness seized here and she would have fallen but for Chechil.

"She is ill" said one of the ladies of the garrison "lay her on the ground and run for the Doctor, she has fainted! be quick!"

With the help of some of the Indian women her dress was loosened and she soon opened her eyes. Piteous eyes they were with all the joy gone out of them as she looked imploringly at Chechil and murmured "She has cursed me Chechil, I feel the snake in my blood!"

"Nonsense" said the blunt, kind-hearted doctor when the interpreter told him what she had said. "I will take you to

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the hospital and kill all the snakes. You are nervous that's all."

Cloitzo partially recovered and went to live in the pretty little house in the village which was Chechil's home. She was happy, but she never recovered her strength. The Indians declared she was hoo-dooded. The whites thought she was the victim of some subtle poison whose secret was known to Zoe. In the course of time a baby came and went, like a flower blown by the summer wind from the face of the earth. Chechil watched over and tended both mother and child with dog-like faithfulness and devotion, but day by day Cloitzo grew weaker 'till a day came when she could no longer hearken to his loved voice, but had joined her little one in the land of the Great Spirit.

Chechil was crushed and dazed. He too had fallen under the accursed hoo-doo's spell. He would sit for hours as in a troubled dream. He had once been the swiftest runner, the best hunter in the tribe. Now in his captivity, there was nothing to hunt and running pleased him no longer. The Indians would glance furtively at him, as he sat, and shake their heads ominously.

Only Zoe laughed, as she passed him and at that sound he shuddered. The interpreter often talked to him of the Great Spirit and it was pathetic, in the extreme, to see the tenderhearted giant (he was also the tallest man in his tribe) reaching out through the shadows of death in the hope of finding his wife and child.

It was early dawn on a summer morning, three months after Cloitzo had passed away. All was still; not even the birds had yet awakened. A solitary Indian quietly drove a cart from the village, it held the dead form of Chechil, which, according to Indian custom was to be taken with his personal belongings, to be buried in some secret place far from the white man's ken. The driver had just cleared the village and his face had assumed an expression of satisfaction as though he had escaped something unpleasant when the horse gave a violent lung and Zoe jerked the reins from his hands.

"He shall not escape me," she shrieked. "I will keep him from the happy hunting ground, I will follow him, follow him!!!"

At her cries the guard rushed up and bore her away to the hospital, her elfish laughter echoing through the solemn hush of the dawn.

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Some years after the death of Chechil and Cloitzo the Apache Indians were removed to Oklahoma where they now live on the farms bestowed upon them by the United States Government. Every trace of their village has disappeared.

The picturesque old Post, built by Andrew Jackson, was given by the United States Government to the State of Alabama and is used as an asylum for the negro insane.

Geronimo now grown quite old, might have been seen at the St. Louis world's Fair, during the summer of 1904, where he was as willing, as in his younger days at Mount Vernon Barracks, to print his name, for anyone desiring it, for a consideration.

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Mt. Vernon Barracks, Jan. 31, 1894

Mrs. Bullard,
Pres. Mass. I. A.

The children at Mt. Vernon have had two novel experiences since my last report.

My sister Margaret and I planned a pear orchard more than a year ago, and late in December the thousand valuable grafted trees arrived en masse. The men who had taken the contract for the planting had not made their preparations as they should have done, and when the magnitude of the work suddenly dawned upon them they seemed dazed. We waited nearly a week after the arrival of the trees to see what headway they would make; and it was merely a matter of arithmetic to prove, that at the rate they were progressing, it would take just three months to get the trees in the ground with great risk of them dieing afterwards. I wrote a note to Capt. Wetherspoon asking if he could give us six Indian men with spades. The answer was there were no Indian men but we might have the first class boys. One was too small, and two were busy morning and afternoon in The Indian Commissary - earning money - as the superintendent expressed it "right along." But the other eight went, and went with the greatest alacrity - their faces beaming with boyish delight at the prospect of earning 50cts. a day. I had my doubts as to their being able to do such hard work as steadily digging holes all day, two feet deep and three wide.

The contractors were indignant at our introducing what they called such "poor labor"; and the first two days brought in appalling accounts of the boys idleness and worthlessness. We naturally did not believe a word of it, for they had never shown these frightful faults while working around our house.

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Every night after the digging they went home, washed off a reasonable percentage of the earth they had taken on their person, changed their clothes and came up as blithe as larks for their study hour.

I questioned them and found they were kept waiting on their spades for their work to be marked out for them, while one boy had been made to run on errands so continually that he had not put his spade in the earth. Of course we took measures after that to see that they had fair play - and how they did work! I said to them, "Boys, these people say you are lazy - that the colored men work better than you do. I don't believe it. Now I want you to show that you can work better than they do." And they did. The way they moved up those long lines leaving "graves," as the contractors called them, in their wake, was a sight worth seeing. They thought their work would be finished Saturday night, and they made a special request that they should be paid in Sunday School - not by Captain Wetherspoon or the superintendent, but by me. "We want you to pay us," they said "young white ladies are very kind." Of course, I was greatly complemented. More especially as Captain Wetherspoon did not object to such a desecration of the Sabbath. I imagine no one ever enjoyed being paid more thoroughly than they did. So delighted were they with their work that they have been asking repeatedly since, when they are to dig again; and faintly brimmed over with hilarity when we told them we were going to plant a thousand pecan trees next year and wanted them to do all the work. They are to dig the holes and get everything ready during the holidays, and next fall put in the trees. But for them we are confident our pear orchard would have been ruined. After the work was successfully over, we invited the whole party to our house - the diggers and none others - and gave them a substantial dinner of simple but well cooked food. Our object was to impress them with the idea that it was not only remunerative, but noble to do good work. We told them as they sat around the table that nothing made people so good and so loveable as faithful labor of some sort - that we hoped to have a good deal of work done at our old home and that we wanted the Apache boys to do it all. I was afraid to tell them our own bright hopes in the matter lest we should raise false expectations; but with a hundred acres in orchards which we hope eventually to have. I do not see why we should not be able to give employment to a good many of them.

Another novel experience for the advancing savages, is the opening of one of the school-rooms at night as an amusement hall for the children. They haunted our house in the evening in such numbers that we had neither space, time, or strength to meet the invasion. The fourteen members of the first class with their books and study hour were all that

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could be managed with my eye to order or good results. The periodic entertainments of late in the new room, though always productive of such pleasure and amusement, were evidently not enough to satisfy the minds of young Apachedom. So we consulted with Captain Wetherspoon and the superintendent, and they approved the plan of one of the school rooms being opened at night for the benefit of the school collectively. It is under the care of the first class boys who keep the rooms in order, see that the company disperses at nine o'clock, and enforce courtesy to the girls. [The girls I firmly believe are falling into a state of wholesome self-conceit.] Captain Wetherspoon is to give us a hanging lamp so that it can be put up out of harm's way, and the Indian carpenters are to make some small tables for games. But the children could not wait for these slow preparations. They scared up a dilapidated lantern which some of the large boys look after, and opened the season. We have taught them several delightful games that require space and number - such as Travelling to Jerusalem, Stage Coach, and the Virginia reel. Indian girls we are told never play anything; but these girls are fast growing with exceptions to the rule. They are almost frivolous at times. Some of the boys are very musical. Two of them play beautifully on a little cheap harmonica.

Sophie Shepard

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CAMP LA MOTTE — Gautier, Mississippi

Miss Kate Shepard had an artist render the above sketch of Camp La Motte when the camp was operating during the 1930's. As the Walter Anderson family were friends and neighbors of the Shepards, living at "Oldfields", the thought occurred, could Walter have done this? Mary Anderson Pickard, Walter's daughter, was very accommodating and enjoyed the 1935 brochure, having been a former La Motte camper herself. She said this was not her father's work.

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EAST PASCAGOULA HOUSE OFFERS

FEMALE DEPARTMENT * SCHOOL *

SAILBOATS & ROWBOATS -

LIVERY STABLE

May 15, 1845

Daily Picayune - Wednesday, July 16, 1845 - p 4 "Summer Resorts" adv

EAST PASCAGOULA HOUSE

This establishment, one of the most delightful summer retreats in the South, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 15th of May inst. (1845)

Every effort will be made by the proprietor to render the stay of visitors pleasant.

The female department will be under the charge of MRS. TAYLOR.

There will be connected with the house a first rate SCHOOL under the charge of MR. ARGUS CHUTE. French, Spanish, the Ancient Classics, Mathematics and Science in all its departments, together with the elementary branches of an English education will be taught.

SAIL BOATS and ROW BOATS will always be at command for the use of those desirous of excursions on the water.

After the 15th of June there will be a LIVERY STABLE kept at the place, with horses, buggies and hacks to hire. Persons wishing to bring their horses can have them kept on reasonable terms.

Communications addressed to the undersigned at East Pascagoula will meet with prompt attention.

M. J. McRAE, Proprietor

(ran May 11, 1845 for 3 months)

(M. James Stevens)

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MRS. McRAE AT WEST PASCAGOULA
OPENS FOR VISITORS

July 1, 1845

Daily Picayune - Wednesday, July 16, 1845 p 1 advtmt
under "Hotels & Boarding"

WEST PASCAGOULA

Mrs. McRae informs her friends and the public that her house
at West Pascagoula is now open for reception of visitors.

(ran July 1 for 1 mo.)

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EAST PASCAGOULA HOUSE

ADVERTISEMENT IN NEW ORLEANS

1848

N. O. Daily Picayune - August 19, 1848 - p. 4 Classified Advertisement
under "Hotels"

SUMMER WATERING PLACE
THE EAST PASCAGOULA HOUSE

will be opened on the 1st of June.

Since the last summer the establishment has undergone thorough renovation and has been considerably enlarged. The accommodations for families or single persons cannot be surpassed, if equalled, by any establishment in the South.

Situated immediately on the Gulf, and on the Great Northern Mail Route between New Orleans and Mobile, it can be reached from either direction by the boats plying between those places, and daily communication can be kept up with all parts of the country.

It is about ninety miles from New Orleans and sixty miles from Mobile, and a glance at the map will show the superiority of its location over all other points on the coast for pure sea air and bathing.

Oysters and fish are had in abundance and prepared in the most recherche style.

Riding, fishing, sailing, rowing, billiards, ten pins, and such other amusements as are usual at places of public resort are provided at Pascagoula, and a well selected band of music will be in constant attendance.

The Bar will be furnished with choice liquors and kept in the best style.

Dr. N. Childers, a physician well skilled in his profession and the diseases of the climate, has located permanently at Pascagoula, and for the present season will have his abode in the hotel and will give his unremitting attention to invalids or such as may desire his services.

Persons wishing accommodations will address the undersigned at East Pascagoula.

M. J. McRAE, Proprietor

(above advertisement was printed in single column 2 inch space)

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EAST PASCAGOULA HOUSE ADVERTISE

IT HAS ROOM FOR 30 or 40 MEN

September 15, 1847

Daily Picayune - Wednesday, September 15, 1847 - p 2 c 2

EAST PASCAGOULA

We would remind our readers of the card of Mr. M. J. McRae
of the East Pascagoula House.

He has accommodations for 30 or 40 more gentlemen.

We need not say a word of the delights of Pascagoula, its
fine bathing, etc.

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Father McRae - John McRae

Dupriest's Church in Perry County, MS - James Dupriest and his wife Penelope Farr and their married children James, Jr., John and William lived in Perry County in the 1830's. James Dupriest, Jr. had married first Amelia Atwood and upon her death, Mary Wall widow of Micajah Wall of Wayne County, MS. John had two wives, names unknown, the second of which he divorced in Hancock County in 1857; William Dupriest was married to Sarah Cowart.

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Dantzler's Church - see previous notes.

Uncle George Huey - brother of A. C. Ramsey's mother. The parents of George Huey were Andrew and Nancy Huey who had formerly lived in Georgia and at some time between 1830 and 1832 had come to Jackson County, MS to live with the William Ramsey family.

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Bro. William Godfrey's was in Washington County, AL. Providence Methodist Church still exists today. It is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Millry, AL just off the Millry-Isney road. The oldest marked grave is that of James Bingham born in Jefferson County, GA 1-1-1805 and died in Washington County, AL 5-11-1876. There are a number of unmarked graves which may be those of the early settlers who attended church here.

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Brother William Godfrey - see above

Mrs. John McRae - was Mary Dubose McRae, widow of John McRae

Brother Myers - unidentified

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Sister Campbell - widow of Edward Campbell in Wayne County, MS

Miss Theresa Wells, daughter of Father Wells. Father Wells was Henry Wells who settled on the Pascagoula River in 1811.

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Father Wells - see above

Stephen F. Pilley - unidentified

Sister Cewmbus - Probably Sister Cumbest. Simon Cumbest had land on the Pascagoula River in 1799 and John Cumbest on the Escatawpa River in 1810.

Sister Graham - Unsure if this is Laird, Matthew or William Graham. All three lived in Jackson County, MS in 1830 and all three had daughters of marriagable age.

1824. A levy authorized by the legislature not to exceed 1½ cents on each head of cattle to defray the expenses of having the court records transcribed.
1826. The courthouse changed from Brewer's Bluff to the "house of Moses Ward on Cedar Creek." This was not satisfactory to many, but in spite of numerous elections it remained at this place till about 1870, when it was moved to Pascagoula. In 1859 the name of the post office was changed to Americus.
1827. John McRae, because of bad health, moved his family from Winchester to West Pascagoula. He sent his children to Frederic St. Ferals' in Pascagoula, where these children boarded during the school session. Three of these sons became prominent: John J. became governor and United States senator; Colon J. was member of the Confederate congress from Mobile, and representative of the Confederacy in Europe; James B., the youngest, was an officer of the Confederate Army and member of the legislature from Jackson County.
1828. The tax roll for this year showed 200 families paying taxes of some kind. Half of these had land assessments; the average acreage per family was one section or 640 acres. All of the 202 slaves were owned by 50 families.
1829. Post office established at Pascagoula with Lewis A. Frederic as postmaster. This was the second office in what is now Jackson County. In what is now George County the McManus office had been established in 1825 near Merrill, with Archibald McManus as postmaster, and Cross Roads established in 1837, with Daniel Rouse as postmaster.
1830. Justices of the peace made elective.
1832. In the constitutional convention of 1832 Jackson County was represented by William C. Seaman. This constitution embodied the change in ideas brought by settlers from the east, away from the English plan and towards a complete elective system; even the judges of the courts were elected.

cem. + bible records on tombstone

Feb. 6,
Malcolm McRae - born 1812
N.C.

married Mary Ann Taylor

children: (from court case)
Shepard vs. Albritton & Neal

Elizabeth Files

Mrs. _____ Kirkland who had
a daughter Elizabeth K. Johnson
Taylor
Malcolm J. McRae, Jr.

^{malcolm}
He shows up in 1850's census index

* Registrar in Chancery Court
from History of John McRae -
II 326 / JCGS File

Womack M
Index to 1850¹⁵ Census
Malcolm L MS
born 1812 - NC
m. Mary Ann Taylor
chancery court

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1860
1812

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died 1865 at 53

M

Jack
497 - 1755)
~~497 - 2491~~ Womack
~~497 - 5827~~

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Sherry Owens

From: John LeBourgeois [jlecrest@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 7:14 PM
To: Sherry Owens
Subject: McCrae hotel

Dear Sherry,

Thank you so much for your quick response and the very interesting information that you sent.

As I mentioned on the telephone, I am writing short biographies of four women in my family; the first one, Charlotte Blow who married Joseph Charless, stayed at the hotel in 1845. Although she doesn't mention it by name, it is clear from the descriptions that you have sent, it must have been the McCrae. In her memoir, Charlotte mentions that the owners were old acquaintances. Since she had never been to Mississippi or southern Alabama before, she must have met them somewhere else. Her family moved from southeastern Virginia to Hunstville in 1818 when she was ten years old and lived there until 1823 or 1824. They then moved to Florence where her father Peter Blow operated an inn until the family moved to St. Louis in 1830. Charlotte met her husband in St. Louis and was living there when she spent the summer in Pascagoula.

I wonder if your archives can tell me where the McCraes lived before they moved to Pascagoula. Is it possible that they came from any of the places I mention above? Since at least in the late 1820s, Charlotte's father was also in the hospitality business, I wonder if the McCraes and the Blows met in Florence? I see also from a footnote that the oldest McCrae boy was named Taylor. Charlotte's middle name was Taylor, and her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Taylor, from Virginia. I wonder if there is a family connection.

I was also interested to see that Zachary Taylor (no close relation to Charlotte) stayed at the hotel after returning home from the Mexican War. My wife, whose middle name is Taylor, is a direct descendant of the General.

I appreciate all your help and will be glad to send you Charlotte's story which is in draft form but nearly complete or at least those few pages which describe her stay in Pascagoula. Her daughter went to school in Mobile to a Mme. De Fellon's. I wonder if you every heard of it. I can't seem to find any information about the school

Please let me know if you can provide any light to my various questions. I am most pleased with what you have sent me so far.

Sincerely,

John

Dear Mrs. Edwards, McRae February 15, 1984

I enjoyed your second letter. It arrived in the same mail as my first reply from eight letters that I wrote to McLachlans - Mac Lachlans - McLauchlans in Scotland and England. It was from a son McLachlan - small world, isn't it? Of my handwriting is worse than before, please forgive me. I answered his questions - it took 9 pages before I began your letter. Hopefully with the help of all of the kind and interested people like you I will find the missing generations in my husband's family. I wish that I could help you with yours! A friend of mine, who enjoys the kind of research we are doing, once said that this work is like pulling small threads - one thread at a time. I also feel that it's like working a zigzag *zigzag* puzzle. Please let me know if you uncover any more McLauchlans or McRaes or McDonalds in your search.

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I would enjoy the results when you finish. Let me know if there is any other way I can help.

I have enclosed a sheet for each family along with your cards indicating which ones I could help you with ^{and} what facts I know.

Sincerely,
Martha Lea McLaughlin
(Mrs. Thomas H. Jr.)

The following information was given to me
in reply to my inquiry in The Family
Tree & The Choctaw Advocate:

Family of Daniel & Margaret McRae
10 children Wayne Co. Miss.

Philip McRae (Anson Co. N.C.)

father of

Margaret McRae who married Daniel McRae, Sr.
they moved to Wayne Co. in 1821
from Sneedsboro, North Carolina
with 6 sons and 4 daughters —
(they were not married in Miss.)

Their children were:

★ Daniel, Jr. who married Catharine (Kate)
both from Wayne Co. probably married there (1811 — 1871) (child)
McLachlin (South Carolina?)

✓ Farguhar who married Rachel Britton (10 children)
(Brittons still live in Wayne Co.)

✓ Colin who married Flora Ann Moody (3 children)

I have seen their tomb-stones — John W. who married Margaret (Peggy) McLaughlin (4 children)
(1808-1873) (1813-1894)
both from Wayne Co. Both buried there, probably married there

Alexander who married Ann Taylor (9 children)
(1814-1871) (1825-1877)

Murdock (Murdo) who married Naomi Taylor (6 children)

Catherine who married Ebbie Britton (7 children)

Flora (1806-) no marriage listed

Elizabeth who married David Britton (9 children)
another child

Nancy Ann married John Hugh Taylor (3 children)
(1832-1901) who died during the Civil War

~~Two~~ ^{Two} McRaes in this family married
McGauhelein sisters. The Taylors that they
married were also probably related as
were the Brittons they married. Perhaps
a query in the Choctaw Advocate would
bring results for you from these families.
I have enclosed the card that you sent
to me with the names that I think
I have found for you underlined.
Unfortunately there are no marriage
dates available but I'm still
digging. It's sad that no one thought
to do what you are now doing while
sons and daughters were alive and could
remember their parents wedding date. I
have found that several families who
were from this area married in
Washington County, Alabama. Several
counties have since been created
from that once large county.

Wayne Co. - McLauchlins
McLaughlins -

✓ Edward McLauchlin

B 1777 in Scotland

D 27 Jan. 1858 McLauchlin Village, Wayne Co.,
Mississippi

m in South
Carolina

to Ellianor McDonald

B 8 April 1791 in South Carolina

D between 1850 & 1858

(name is on 1850 Miss. Census)

Children (11)

I John^{D.} McLauchlin - the eldest son of

B 4 April 1809 in South Carolina

D. 16 Feb 1884 in Mallard Prairie, Texas
(now Eustace, Texas)

m 8 October 1829 to Elizabeth Russell
(by Wm Chambers, Justice of Peace,
Washington Co., Al.)

B. 24 Jan. 1811
Mississippi

D 25 March 1892
Mallard Prairie,
Texas

Children (9)

Six of John & Elizabeth's sons
served the Confederacy - as well as
their son-in-law. I have secured all
of their service records. Two of these sons
and the son-in-law were killed.

I also found Robert McLaughlin but I have
not been able to connect him to our family.
I have never seen the name Cass
McLauchlin in any other reference.

as I mentioned before, my
husbands McLaughlin line comes from
John D and Elizabeth Russell McLaughlin ^{Wayne Co.}
He left his parents home in Mississippi
and moved to Choctaw Co, Alabama. Prior
to the War Between the States he owned a
plantation with slaves 18 miles from
Butler (Choctaw Co.) Alabama. after the
war John, Elizabeth and all of their
surviving children, except John Edward,
moved to Texas in approx 1869. It took
me several years to find this part of
our family. The Family Tree provided
the final clue. I got in touch with
one of Johns descendents in Texas and
we have visited with her in Dallas,
Texas, where we met quite a few cousins.
Thirteen of them joined us at our 8th
Annual Clan Reunion last August in Wetumpka,
Alabama

my husband Thomas Hall McLaughlin Jr
is the son of Thomas Hall McLaughlin (Hall)
who was the son of Joseph Franklin McLaughlin (Joe)
who was the son of John Edward McLaughlin (Ed)
who was the son of John D. and Elizabeth Russell
McLaughlin.

note that the "g" is used by the Alabama line
and the "c" by all the family in Texas

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April 15, 1991

Mr. Joe Moore
3108 Canty Street
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

Dear Mr. Moore:

RE: John McRae Cemetery, Jackson County

We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced cemetery was awarded a Certificate of Historical Significance by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History at its meeting on April 12, 1991.

We have notified the Jackson County Board of Supervisors of this action, and it is our hope that they will exercise the authority granted them under House Bill #780 and thereby in their discretion repair, rehabilitate, and maintain the John McRae Cemetery as a historical monument. We would encourage you and your friends and family members to contact the supervisors to ask that they maintain the cemetery.

We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention and providing us with such good documentation. Any time that this Department can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Elbert R. Hilliard
Secretary
Board of Trustees

ERH:rm

cc: Mr. Philip A. Morrison
Mr. Ken P'Pool
Mr. Michael F. Beard

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JOHN J. McRAE VIEWED BY
MISSISSIPPI NEWSPAPER IN
THREATENED ABOLITIONIST
TAKE OVER IN SOCIAL,
RELIGIOUS AS WELL AS
POLITICAL CIRCLES

April 27, 1858

EX-GOV. McRAE OF MISSISSIPPI

The following notice of this distinguished gentleman and true Southerner appeared ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ in the "Vicksburg Sun" of April 27, 1858. We ("N.O. Daily Crescent") copy it with pleasure:

"We were proud to meet this pure minded patriot and chivalrous defender of the South in our city the other day but were pained to see him looking in such bad health.

"Than Gov. McRae, Mississippi has no better son, no abler champion of her rights and interests. The South has no man within the borders more devoted to her cause, more jealous of her honor, or more willing to make sacrifices in her behalf.

"He is ready now, as ever, to fight under the same glorious old flag which he bore aloft so gallantly, and under whose folds he did such yeoman service in the never-to-be-forgotten contest of 1850.

"Aware of the fact that the South is threatened with subjugation, that abolitionism like some "gigantic serpent of the East, is already tightening its coil to crush out her life blood," he is ready and willing to see her take such a step as must forever free her from the embrace of a monster so hideous and treacherous, and ultimately eventuate in her reaching the goal of social, religious and political greatness.

"He loves the Union not less than those who assume to be its most zealous defenders, but the Union at whose shrine he kneels is one of equality, such a one as was formed by the sages of the Republic in its purer and better days. He loves not the Union less, but the South more. A noble position."

N.O. Daily Crescent Friday April 30, 1858 p 1
from "Vicksburg Sun" of April 27, 1858
(M. James Stevens)

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GROUP SHEET

Group Sheet: xxx
Compiler: Mrs. Thomas H. McLaughlin Jr.
Date: 1985

Name Daniel McRae Sr.
B./Place 1753 Scotland
M./Place -
D./Place -
Other Sp. -
Father -
Mother -
Ref. -

Data on Spouse

Name Margaret McRae
B./Place -
M./Place -
D./Place -
Other Sp. -
Father Philip McRae
Mother -
Ref. -

Data on Children

- 1 . Daniel Jr. 1780m. Catherine McLaughlin
- 2 . Farquahard *NC1799* m. Rachel Britton
- 3 . Flora prob. died as an infant
- 4 . Colin W. *NC1808* m. Flora Ann Moody
- 5 . John W. *NC1807* m. Margaret McLaughlin
- 6 . Alexander *NC1814* m. Ann Taylor
- 7 . Murdock *NC1816* m. Ann ?/Naomi Taylor
- 8 . Catherine m. Ebbie Britton
- 9 . Elizabeth 1827 m. David Britton
- 10 . Nancy Ann 1820 m. John Hugh Taylor

1 *comment*
Daniel was in MS by 1816.

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8. Isabel McLeod, b. ca 1818 N. C., m. ---- McNabb.
9. Mary McLeod, b. ca 1828 N. C., living with Angus McLeod in 1850.
10. Christian McLeod, b. 18 Feb. 1814 N. C., d. 3 April 1889, m. George Washington McRae 20 Feb. 1845. He was born 24 April 1811 Anson Co., N. C., died 5 April 1878. They are buried in Pea River Presbyterian Church Cem..
11. Ann Beverly (McLeod?)
12. Margaret McLeod, died by 1841, m. ____ Fields.
13. Elizabeth McLeod. She may have married John G. McLendon.

Other sources:

McRae Bible
McLeod Bibles
Family Records

McRAE

Alexander McRae patented land near Pea River Church in 1827 and 1829. Duncan (or Daniel) McRae patented land near him in 1827. William McRae patented land in 1827 and 1835, also in this area.

It is extremely difficult to establish the exact relationships of the members of this family, as they intermarried frequently, and also used the same given names in all branches of the family.

Christian McLeod McRae died by 1844 in Barbour Co.. Her husband, Phillip McRae, died in North Carolina ca 1824. Issue:*

1. Farquhar A. McRae, b. 1796 N. C., d. 11 Dec. 1858, m. Mary McRae, daughter of Christopher and Mary McRae. She was born 1796 N. C., died 25 May 1854. Both are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. Issue:
 - a. Harvey A. McRae, b. 20 Oct. 1823 N. C., d. 10 Oct. 1890, m. Lucy Shipman 25 March 1849. She was born 17 July 1828 Ala., died 1 April 1877.
 - b. Phillip P. McRae, b. ca 1828 N. C., living in Texas by 1860.
 - c. John L. McRae, b. ca 1829 N. C.
 - d. Lillian Ann McRae, b. 29 Aug. 1831 N. C., d. 12 June 1910, m. William C. Bostwick 22 Oct. 1857. He was born 22 July 1829, died 20 June 1884. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery.
 - e. Christian McRae, b. 2 March 1834 N. C., d. 13 Jan. 1913, and is buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. She m. John DeBardelaben.
 - f. *Charles M. McRae, b. 24 Nov. 1840 Anson Co., N. C., m. ---- Hobdy.
2. Isabella McRae m. Farquhar McRae.

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3. *John E. McRae, b. ca 1784 N. C., m. Christian ----, b. ca 1794 N. C.. Known issue:
 - a. Elizabeth McRae, b. ca 1825 N. C.
 - b. John McRae, b. ca 1827 N. C.
 - c. Harriett McRae, b. ca 1833 N. C., m. Paul McCall 2 July 1857.
 - d. Isabella McRae, b. ca 1836 N. C.
 - e. Christian McRae, b. ca 1840 N. C.
4. Nancy McRae m. Alexander McLendon. They were living in N.C. in 1844.
5. *Daniel McRae - he was dead by 1844, and the following heirs were living in Miss.:
 - a. Farquhar McRae
 - b. Colin McRae
 - c. Daniel McRae
 - d. Catherine McRae
 - e. Alexander McRae
 - f. John McRae
6. Elizabeth McRae, died by 1844, m. ---- McRae. Issue:
 - a. Isabella McRae, b. ca 1800, m. William Teal.
 - b. Margaret McRae, b. ca 1800, d. by 1850, m. Allen Teal.
7. Colin E. McRae, died by 1844. Known issue:
 - a. Ann McRae, b. ca 1826 N. C., m. M. A. Patterson.
 - b. James McRae, who was living in Early Co., Ga. in 1846, later moved to Randolph Co., Ga..
 - c. Sarah C. McRae, b. ca 1830 Fla., m. Henry H. Field, Jr. 3 Nov. 1853.
 - d. Mary McRae, b. ca 1833 Fla.
 - e. Martha McRae, b. ca 1835 Fla.
 - f. Elizabeth McRae, b. ca 1838 Ga.
8. Alexander McRae died by 1850. His wife may have been

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Margaret ----. Known issue:

- a. John C. McRae, living in S. C. in 1850 (see later).
- b. Ann McRae, b. ca 1819 N. C., not married in 1860.
- c. Winney McRae, b. ca 1815 N. C., m. Donald McKay, b. ca 1812 Scotland.
- d. Christian McRae m. John Hair (or Harris). They were living in N. C. in 1850.

Christopher McRae died by 1837. His will was written 26 June 1837 in Anson Co., N. C. and probated there in April 1837. It was recorded in Barbour Co., Ala. 31 March 1840. His wife was Mary ----, b. ca 1765/75 N. C., d. by Feb. 1861. Neither will was very explicit, but the heirs were:

1. Mary McRae, a daughter, who married Farquhar A. McRae, son of Christian McRae.
2. Daniel McKay, grandson of a sister of Christopher McRae.
3. John G. McLendon, a nephew, born ca 1806 S. C.. Mary McRae lived with him from 1850 until her death.
4. Daniel McRae, a grandson, and his daughter, Elizabeth.
5. Isabella, wife of William Teal (relationship not given).
6. Margaret, wife of Allen Teal (relationship not given).
(Note: Isabella and Margaret were daughters of Elizabeth McRae, granddaughters of Christian McRae.)
7. Mary Capel, relationship not given. She was born 22 Jan. 1815 N. C., died 9 Oct. 1886, m. James Capel. He was born 25 Jan. 1800, died 9 Oct. 1886. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery.
8. Caty ----, relationship not given, who m. James Boyt (or Brock).
9. Gilbert McRae, relationship not given.
10. Colin McRae, who moved to Union Co., Ark. ca 1843.

John C. McRae, b. 18 Feb. 1806 Anson Co., N. C., d. 11 April

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1891, m. Janet McLeod, daughter of Norman and Mary McLeod in Anson Co., N. C. 21 Sept. 1826. She was born 26 Feb. 1806 N. C., died 6 June 1868. They are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Eufaula, Ala., as are most of their children. Issue:

1. Jabez A. McRae, b. 25 June 1827 Anson Co., N. C., m. Josephine McKay.
2. John McLeod McRae, b. 13 Nov. 1838 Marlboro, S. C., d. 1901, m. Amanda Matilda Williams 18 Dec. 1862. She was born 1841 Ga., died 17 April 1916.
3. Mary Jane McRae, b. 16 Aug. 1833 Chesterfield Dist., S. C., d. 29 Sept. 1904, m. James T. Kendall 13 Nov. 1851 Cheraw, S. C.
4. Mariah Marshall McRae, b. 2 Dec. 1840 Marlboro, S. C., d. 2 May 1924, m. Henry Augustus Young 5 June 1860. He was born 22 Oct. 1835, died 19 Feb. 1863, son of Edward B. and Ann F. Young.
5. Julia Hawes McRae, b. 17 Aug. 1844 Chesterfield, S. C., d. 18 Aug. 1862 in Knoxville, Tenn..
6. Daniel McRae, b. 18 May 1829 Anson Co., N. C., d. 12 May 1859.

Also buried with this family in Fairview Cemetery is Elizabeth McRae, born 25 June 1837, died 5 June 1857.

William McRae, b. 8 Jan. 1798 N. C., d. 10 Dec. 1886, m. Margie ----. She was born 10 March 1792 and died 10 July 1875. They and most of their children are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. In 1840, there was a female, age 60/70, living in this household, but she must have died by 1850, as she is not included in that census. Probable issue:

1. Farquhard C. McRae, b. ca 1817 Ala., m. Mary Ann E. Cameron 27 July 1854.
2. John C. McRae, b. ca 1821 Ala., m. Martha ----.

3. Daniel C. McRae, b. ca 1823 Ala., not married in 1880.
4. *Catherine McRae, b. ca 1830, m. John N. McRae 25 Jan. 1852. He was the son of Donald and Catharine McRae of N. C.. He was born 10 May 1827 N. C., died 16 June 1864 at Griffin, Ga. (CSA). Known issue:
 - a. Jane C. McRae, b. ca 1854 Ala..
 - b. Phillip McRae, b. 14 Nov. 1855 Ala..
 - c. Duncan Franklin McRae, b. July 1857 Ala..
 - d. Mary F. McRae, b. March 1861.

Also in this household in 1860 was Daniel McRae, b. ca 1824

N. C..

5. Murphy McRae, b. 28 Jan. 1832 Ala., d. 4 Sept. 1900, probably never married.
6. Washington McRae, b. 5 Oct. 1836 Ala., d. 14 Nov. 1913, m. Katie H. ----. She was born 27 Oct. 1831, died 3 March 1911. John R. McRae, b. ca 1785 N. C., d. after 1860, m. Comfort Keane. She was born ca 1795 N. C., died by 1860. Known issue:
 1. *Alexander Keane McRae, b. ca 1823 Anson Co., N. C., m. Winnie Elder Jones, daughter of Henry and Nellie (Payne) Jones. She was born 3 Nov. 1835.
 2. George McRae, b. ca 1830 N. C.
 3. John P. McRae, b. ca 1833 Ga.
 4. Elizabeth McRae, b. ca 1835 Ga., m. Alexander D. McRae 15 Dec. 1853. He died by 1860.
 5. Margaret McRae, b. ca 1838 Ga.
 6. *Possibly Sarah McRae, b. ca 1830 N. C., m. ---- Arrington.

George Washington McRae, b. 24 April 1811 Anson Co., N. C., d. 5 April 1878, m. Christian McLeod 20 Feb. 1845. She was born 18 Feb. 1814 N. C., died 3 April 1889. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. Known issue:

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1. William N. McRae, b. ca 1847 Ala., m. Mary C. McCraney 13 June 1871.

2. Mary C. McRae, b. ca 1847 Ala.
3. Duncan McRae, b. 1850 Ala.
4. Martha J. McRae, b. ca 1853 Ala.

Christopher M. McRae, b. 27 Dec. 1819 N. C., d. 23 May 1883, m. Abigail ----. She was born 8 Feb. 1820 Anson Co., N. C., died 27 Oct. 1895. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. Issue:

1. Nancy McRae, b. ca 1844 N. C.
2. Catherine McRae, b. ca 1845 Ala.
3. Christopher Columbus McRae, b. ca 1847 Ala.
4. Henrietta McRae, b. ca 1850 Ala.
5. Mary McRae, b. ca 1852 Ala.
6. Washington McRae, b. ca 1855 Ala.
7. Christian McRae, b. ca 1860 Ala.

Christopher C. McRae, b. 18 Dec. 1823 Anson Co., N. C., d. 18 Nov. 1861, m. Nancy Ann Campbell 8 Aug. 1850. She was born 26 June 1832 Anson Co., N. C., d. 28 May 1910. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery. Known issue:

1. Thomas W. McRae, b. ca 1852 Ala.
2. James McRae, b. ca 1855 Ala.
3. Mary A. McRae, b. ca 1857 Ala.

Also in this household in 1850 were John J. (or C.) McRae, b. 24 April 1826 Anson Co., N. C., d. 17 May 1904 and Catherine (or Caroline) McRae, b. 9 June 1836 N. C., d. 3 Feb. 1905. John J. McRae was still there in 1860. They are buried in Pea River Church Cemetery.

John McRae, b. ca 1816 S. C., m. (1) Virginia ----, b. ca 1825 Ga., (2) C. G. ----, b. ca 1839 Ga.. Known issue:

1. Mary C. McRae, b. ca 1847 Ga.
2. Amanda A. McRae, b. ca 1848 Ala.
3. Sarah J. McRae, b. ca 1849 Ala.
4. Malcom A. McRae, b. ca 1851 Ala.
5. Reubin S. McRae, b. ca 1852 Ala.
6. John J. McRae, b. ca 1853 Ala.

Colon W. McRae, b. ca 1810 N. C., m. Harriett ----, b. ca 1813 N. C. They came to Ala. after 1855. Known issue:

1. Martha McRae, b. ca 1839 N. C.
2. Elizabeth McRae, b. ca 1843 Ga.
3. John McRae, b. ca 1845 Ga.
4. Colon McRae, b. ca 1848 Ga., m. Drucilla Thomas 17 March 1868.*
5. Margaret McRae, b. ca 1849 Ga.
6. Sarah McRae, b. ca 1851 Ga.
7. Stephen McRae, b. ca 1853 Ga.
8. Lotty (Lena?) McRae, b. ca 1855 Ga.

Sources of information:

Barbour Co., Ala. Probate Records
Barbour Co., Ala. Census Records
Barbour Co., Ala. Cemetery Records
Pea River Presbyterian Church Records
"The Storied Kendall's" by Walker
McRae Family Bible

*ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS AS OF JUNE 1, 1979:

According to the will of Phillip McRae, dated 6 Oct. 1825, recorded Anson Co., N. C. Will Book A, page 122, he and Christian had the following children:

1. Alexander J. McRae
2. Margaret McRae (who m. Daniel McRae)
3. Isabel McRae (who m. Farquhar McRae)

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4. Betsy McRae
5. John McRae (who had a son, Phillip McRae)
6. Colin McRae
7. Farquhar McRae (who had a son, Phillip McRae)
8. Nancy McRae (who m. Alexander McLendon)

In his will, Phillip McRae also named a sister, Flora ----.

Charles M. McRae m. Addie Hobdy, sister of R. L. Hobdy and niece of John McNeill (from "Backtracking in Barbour Co., Ala." by Walker). They lived in Pike and Bullock Cos., Ala..

John E. McRae, b. 1785 N. C., d. 1869 Mt. Holly, Ark. m. Christian McRae, lived Anson Co., N. C., Barbour Co., Ala. and Mt. Holly, Ark.. Issue:

- a. Elizabeth McRae, buried Mt. Holly, Ark.
- b. John B. McRae, b. 1827 Anson Co., N. C., d. 1901 Mt. Holly, Ark., m. Mary Strain.
- c. Harriett McRae m. Paul McCall, moved to Mt. Holly, Ark.
- d. Isabella McRae - to Mt. Holly, Ark.
- e. Christian McRae m. ---- Eagleton - to Mt. Holly Ark.

Daniel McRae was not a son of Phillip and Christian (McLeod) McRae - he was the husband of their daughter, Margaret. (Will of Phillip McRae, Anson Co., N. C.)

Mrs. Kittie (Catherine) McRae of Clio died March 1897. She was the mother of Frank (Duncan Franklin), Phillip, Jane (not married in 1897) and Mary McRae (not married in 1897).

A. K. McRae, an old citizen of Barbour Co., died Dec. 1893.

Sarah McRae m. James Albert Arrington at age 13. He committed suicide before she was 20, leaving her with four children, one of which died young:

- a. Mary Arrington m. N. J. Evans 31 Aug. 1866 Barbour Co., Ala.
- b. Sarah Arrington m. James W. Smith 16 Dec. 1867 Barbour Co., Ala.
- c. James M. Arrington m. Margaret E. Smith 14 Aug. 1867 Barbour Co., Ala..

From A. D. Beasley, Rossville, Ga.

Mrs. Drucilla McRae, age 65, died at the home of her nephew, C. D. Bush, buried New Hope Cem.. She leaves one son, Colon McRae.

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MISSISSIPPI'S
GREAT GOVERNOR
FROM GAUTIER

Just one hundred years ago the Mississippi River valley, which we know today as Gautier, was called West Pascagoula. One of its most prominent families was that of John McRae, a successful merchant and trader who had put into operation the first barges on the Pascagoula for shipping inland cotton to New Orleans. John McRae had settled on the Singing River for his health, had built the beautiful colonial home in its west bank that was the gathering place during his lifetime for the McRae Clan — and it was his son, John J. McRae, who had gone on to succeed in politics and was then Governor of Mississippi (1854-1858).

The historic old McRae homestead at Gautier (West Pascagoula), where the Governor resided and rested from gubernatorial duties, has long since been destroyed and the male line perpetuating the McRae name has died out on the Coast. However, the property that was the site of the McRae homestead at Gautier is still in the hands of Governor McRae's great grand-nieces still living in Pascagoula, and also in their possession have been lovingly preserved the memory and mementos of Governor McRae. It was through their kindly cooperation that this "Tennal Column" to this able Mississippi Governor that emerged from Gautier.

The McRaes were Highland Scots that originally came over to the Carolinas with the historic Flora McDonald who had saved the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie. But when young John, the future Governor of Mississippi, was two years old the McRae family moved to Mississippi.

At 19 John J. had graduated from Miami University in Ohio and returned home to Pascagoula, where he began to build houses and lay out a subdivision with that famous Pascagoula pioneer, Louis Frederick de St. Ferol, who is said to have owned practically all the land that is now Pascagoula, and whose celebrated school John had attended before going to college.

When he was 20 years old he began studying law with the eminent Judge P. R. R. Pray of Pearl River, who was then writing the Code of Mississippi. At Pearl River John promptly fell in love with a Mrs. McGuire, a comely widow 12 years older than himself, and just as promptly married her. In spite of the shaking heads over the difference in ages the union was a long and happy one.

It was young attorney John J. McRae who read Judge Pray's new Code before the Mississippi Legislature, following which he was appointed by the brother of President Tyler to the responsible job of administering the moving of the Indians from Mississippi to Indian Territory.

On his return from this successful mission he was rewarded by being elected to the State Legislature.

GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI
John J. McRae from a photostat of an original painting loaned to Know Your Coast by the State Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

McRae and Ohio Railroad both, traveling the proposed route all the way from Mobile to Cairo giving speeches. During his administration the first train of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern (now part of the I. C.) arrived at Jackson.

Although he opposed secession in the U. S. Senate after his term as Governor of Mississippi, he resigned to go along with his state and was immediately elected to the Confederate Senate where he served until the South surrendered.

After the War business misfortune and his health and in 1868, when he took a trip to British Honduras to visit his brother Collin J. McRae, who had been the financial agent in Europe for the Confederacy during the War, he had to be carried in a litter from the boat and barely greeted his brother before he died, only 53 years old.

He was buried at Belize in British Honduras and his body still rests there — one of the six Mississippi governors whose graves are outside the state.

There is an interesting sidelight to this plan of the state. When a bill was passed in the Mississippi Legislature to return the body of War Governor Pettus to Mississippi from its resting place in Arkansas, Governor Bilbo vetoed the bill because no provision had been made to also return Governor McRae from Latin America.

KNOW YOUR COAST blanks Mrs. Frank L. Hudson and Miss Elizabeth McRae Perry of 617 Columbus Drive, Pascagoula — great grand-nieces of Governor McRae — for data contained in this column.

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The McRaes were Highland Scots
that originally came over to
the Carolinas with the historic
Flora McDonald who had saved the
life of Bonnie Prince Charlie. But
when young John, the future Gov-
ernor of Mississippi, was two years
old the McRae family moved to
Mississippi.

At 19 John J. had graduated
from Miami University in Ohio and
returned home to Pascagoula
where he began to build houses and
lay out a subdivision with that fam-
ous Pascagoula pioneer, Louis
Frederick de St. Ferol, who is said
to have owned practically all the
land that is now Pascagoula, and
whose celebrated school John had
attended before going to college.

When he was 20 years old he be-
gan studying law with the eminent
Judge P. R. R. Pray of Pearl-
ton, who was then writing the Code
of Mississippi. At Pearlton John
promptly fell in love with a Miss
McGuire, a comely widow 12 years
older than himself, and just as
promptly married her. In spite of
the shaking heads over the dif-
ference in ages the union was a
long and happy one.

It was young attorney John J.
McRae who read Judge Pray's new
Code before the Mississippi Legis-
lature, following which he was ap-
pointed by the brother of President
Tyler to the responsible job of ad-
ministering the moving of the In-
dians from Mississippi to Indian
Territory.

On his return from this success-
ful mission he was rewarded by be-
ing elected to the State Legisla-
ture where he was made Speaker
of the House. This was followed by
his election to Congress, and then
by his appointment to take the
place of his friend Jefferson Davis
in the U. S. Senate when the future
President of the Confederacy re-
signed in 1851 to become candidate
for the governorship of Mississippi.

Three years later in 1854, John
J. McRae, powerful and popular
orator of State's Rights Dem-
ocracy, was himself elected Gov-
ernor of Mississippi — and it is
said his administration began Mis-
sissippi's railroads era. John J.
McRae belligerently believed in
the future of the railroads and
championed the right of the state
to be a railroad stockholder. He
was instrumental in getting the

Makes use of Ohio Railroad
built, traveling the proposed
route all the way from Mobile to
Cairo giving speeches. During his
administration the first train of the
New Orleans, Jackson and Great
Northern (now part of the I. C.)
arrived at Jackson.

Although he opposed secession in
the U. S. Senate after his term as
Governor of Mississippi, he resign-
ed to go along with his state and
was immediately elected to the
Confederate Senate where he serv-
ed until the South surrendered.

For the War business in stor-
ing his health and in 1868, when
he took a trip to British Honduras
to visit his brother Colin J. McRae,
who had been the financial agent
in Europe for the Confederacy dur-
ing the War, he had to be carried
in a litter from the boat and barely
greeted his brother before he died,
only 53 years old.

He was buried at Belize in Brit-
ish Honduras and his body still
rests there — one of the six Miss-
issippi governors whose graves are
outside the state.

There is an interesting sidelight
to this period in our state. When a
bill was passed in the Mississippi
Legislature to return the body of
War Governor Pettus to Missis-
sippi from its resting place in Ark-
ansas, Governor Bilbo vetoed the
bill because no provision had been
made to also return Governor Mc-
Rae from Latin America.

KNOW YOUR COAST Thanks
Mrs. Frank L. Hudson and Miss
Elizabeth McRae Perry of 617 Col-
umbus Drive, Pascagoula — great
grand-nieces of Governor McRae
— for data contained in this col-
umn.

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MCRAE, COLIN J (1860 U.S. Census)
Alabama , MOBILE, 7-WD MOBILE, Age 47, Male, Race: White, Born: NC
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SCHEDULE 1 - Free Inhabitants in the Ward City of Mobile in the County of Mobile State of Alabama
 enumerated by me, on the 28th day of July 1900. *Amirabad*
 Post Office *Mobile Ala*

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate					
The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1900, was in this family													
Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age													
Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country													
Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict													
735	117	Holman, Delia	8	m					Alabama				
		Thomson	6	m					"				
		Thomas	14	m					"				
		Thomas	20	m					"				
		Willie	1	m					"				
738	118	Walter R Keith	51	m		Gentleman	Verona	31,500	Tennessee				
		Mary	48	f					South Carolina				
		Duffin	24	m		Clak			Alabama				
		John	26	m		Bottom Migher			Alabama				
739	119	Wm. Mary D Wain	54	f			2,000	2,500	South Carolina				
		Wm. Mary	27	m		Consulate			Alabama				
740	120	Via, Wm. W. W.	21	m		No Occupation			New York				
741	121	D Delamere	40	m		Day House Watch			Ireland				
		Wm.	30	m					"				
742	122	Robert W Hamilton	28	m		Lawyer	Verona	3,000	New York				
		Wm.	22	m					Massachusetts				
		John	1	m					Alabama				
743	123	Wm. W. W. W.	57	m		Colerick			Ireland				
744	124	Wm. W. W. W.	55	m		Wm. W. W. W.	5,700	500	Georgia				
		Wm.	50	m					"				
		Wm. W. W. W.	18	m					Alabama				
745	125	Wm. W. W. W.	30	m		Labourer			Ireland				
		Wm.	19	m					Alabama				
		Wm.	6	m					Alabama				
746	126	Wm. W. W. W.	50	m		Superior, Wm. W. W.	9,000	9,000	Ireland				
		Wm.	38	m					England				
		Wm.	20	m		Colerick			Alabama				
		Wm.	19	m					"				
		Wm.	17	m					"				
		Wm.	16	m					"				
		Wm.	8	m					"				
747	127	Wm. W. W. W.	57	m		Bottom Doctor	Verona	3,000	South Carolina				
748	128	Wm. W. W. W.	20	m					Alabama				
		Wm.	18	m					"				
749	129	Wm. W. W. W.	35	m		Colerick	2,500		Mississippi				
		Wm.	20	m					"				
750	130	Wm. W. W. W.	44	m		Bottom Doctor	Verona	5,000	Maine				
		Wm.	35	m					Virginia				
		Wm.	18	m					Alabama				
No white male, 25 No colored male, No foreign born, No blind, 137,250 66,300 No deaf, No pauper, No convict,													
No white female, 10 No colored female, No deaf and dumb, No insane, 2,013 550													

No white males, 25 No colored males, No foreign born, No blind, 13,250 66,300 No deaf and dumb, No pauper, No convict,



A Pas-Pointer view

Area was tops back in 1847

By ARTHUR SMITH

M. James Stevens of Biloxi has done extensive research on the early history of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and often generously contributes his findings to the publication of the Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society.

He has collected more historical background on Ship Island than any researcher I know, but he is not a native of the Gulf Coast, but one of the many who have become enamored of its climate, the early settlements and the people who are here now.

Last year he rifled through pages of newspapers in libraries in New Orleans and in some Gulf Coast achieves and compiled an imaginary saga which he titled, "Major Villages Along the Coast During 1847-1850." Perhaps it was proper to designate all of them as "villages," for development was then just beginning. Gulfport, Scranton and probably Moss Point did not exist at all.

Biloxi and Ocean Springs seemed to have been the most populated. In one of the newspapers he found that transportation between New Orleans and Mobile was only by steamboats. An intermediate stop was made at Ocean Springs. Another source said the passenger steamer docked at the head of a long pier off Pascagoula.

MR. STEVENS' excerpts are from columns in such newspapers as "The Daily Delta." Most of the descriptions of Coast Communities of those days were in letters to the editor signed "The Doctor."

That itinerant gentleman, who probably wasn't a medicine man at all, had a lust for traveling and taking notes. His journey began with a stop at Bay St. Louis, and he liked it very much, noting that "To our ancient and Creole population, that has ever been an attractive and popular resort."

"The Doctor" moved along, with glowing descriptions of the hospitality of the people at Pass Christian and Mississippi City. He told of what speculators had done at Mississippi City to prepare it for a great center to challenge the growth and wealth of New Orleans.

Then on to Biloxi. He gave most of his written text to that city, its history and its people. But it should have grown more, considering its age. "Biloxi reposed in quiet without progress . . . only sought by a few fishermen and oystermen and the favorite residence of elderly ladies."

Researcher Stevens didn't record as much for Pascagoula which was described in the Daily Delta as the Doctor found it July of 1847.

"As terminus of our tour at Pascagoula the place approximately called by such a soft and beautiful Indian name.

"Pascagoula is perhaps the most desirable of all the places on the Gulf with reference to marine and enjoyment. The bathing is better than at any other place and the fish, oysters, crabs and shrimps are more abundant.

"There is no lack of shade; the live oak and other trees being thickly strewn along the coast, and the situation of the cottages is very fine.

"The chief hotel at this place is kept by Mr. McCrea (sic, Stevens believes Mrs. Elizabeth M. McCrea named "West Pascagoula House") who has a fine house and excellent accommodations.

"THE COMPANY AT Pascagoula is a pleasant combination in about equal numbers of the citizens of Mobile and New Orleans.

"Across the Bay of Pascagoula or rather the mouth of the river of that name from whose quiet bosom proceeds the mysterious music about which the poets have written so much, lies the elegant mansion of Mrs. McCrea (McRae) where a select company of quiet family folks or well-behaved old bachelors will be pleasantly accommodated . . ."

(It is probable that this traveler stopped at what was later known as "West Pascagoula and now as Gautier. A McRae Hotel was at West Pascagoula, but one just as large and prominent called the McRae Hotel was situated in East Pascagoula Beach, as late as 1906, between Buean Vista and Pascagoula Streets. What became of it I do not know.)

Arthur Smith
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family car to tarry for a few days under the oaks. Moss Point is represented by the DeLashmets and Overstreets who are sharing a comfortable house near the Pollock Place; County Agent Franklin and Plant Board Inspector Colmer, who recently has been promoted to a bigger job, have their families in the "Duke" place, and the Edwin Lenneps are making merry in the "Gypsy Camp" near Walter Lewis' year-round home. It begins to appear that Moss Point people are seizing on an idea that Pascagoulians had begun to forget—that the best place in town to live is just behind the seawall.

A hundred years ago on June 1, 1833, the following advertisement signed by John McRae appeared in the Mobile Register:

"The undersigned would inform his friends and the public that his house at Pascagoula is now ready for the reception of company. Two bathing houses are attached to the establishment and good spring water. It can be reached by boats carrying the mail between Mobile and New Orleans. The bar will be supplied with good liquors and is detached from the residence a short distance. The bed chambers are lofty and well ventilated. Pains will be taken to give general satisfaction and comfort to those who may visit this house. Board and lodging, per month, \$30.

Johnny Pelham, superintendent at the J. H. Pelham Company's plant, has a terrier pup that waits for factory employees to grind up a pile of ice, then crawls on top, scratches out a bed, curls up and goes to sleep.

Guffaws and polite titterings greeted Sol Frederic's statement that male sea cats incubated eggs in their mouths and carried the young fish about for several days after they had hatched. There is plenty of scientific authority for Sol's claim. A group of students from the Louisiana State University spent four summers in the bays and outlets of Southern Louisiana investigating the spawning habits of the gulf-topsail and hard-head sea cats. The Louisiana Conservation Commission published some of their findings. June and early July are catfish spawning seasons; the waters hereabouts abound in both top-gaffs and hard-heads, and anyone can make an investigation just as Sol did.

Most famed philatelist in the United States is President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and his political mentor and patronage dispenser, Postmaster-General Jim Farley. Maybe because of this combination stamp-collectors of the

The CG300, a 75-foot patrol boat, has been transferred from Pascagoula to Pensacola to take up duties with the Bureau of Fisheries. Orders for the transfer came through Wednesday. This boat was one of the craft sent here to be decommissioned and tied up in the Escatawpa river, but the Fisheries division desired a craft for special work out of Pensacola and obtained authority for the transfer.

About sixteen men of the Pascagoula base, who were due for reductions in ratings because of the general reorganization of the Guard to accomplish economies, will retain their ratings, according to orders that were received last Saturday. A number of warrant officers who held only temporary grades, had been scheduled for reductions, and men below them in rank were being reduced to make way for the men above. Pending negotiations in Washington for the transfer of Coast Guard officers to the Civilian Conservation Corps, all changes in ratings because of economy measures were held up. It is thought that the men who heretofore had been reduced or "busted" will be restored to their former ratings and pay, except for the blanket reduction which congress provided in the economy act.

Activity at the Coast Guard base at Pascagoula continued although without the feverishness and speed that has characterized the scene for the last few weeks. Order is rapidly coming out of the necessary confusion which was caused by the arrival of large numbers of boats for decommissioning and also the necessity of receiving and storing large quantities of equipment brought by the incoming boats from other bases.

Pascagoula is now the largest Coast Guard base on the Gulf of Mexico, and principal patrol activities will center here. About one boat remains at St. Petersburg, Galveston and Biloxi. The big boats at Pascagoula will patrol the open waters of the gulf while smaller craft from Pascagoula and the few picket boats which remain at other places will police the shores.

The Coast Guard personnel and Pascagoula Port Commission are working together tearing down a group of small houses left at the Biloxi base. The lumber will be brought to Pascagoula on a barge and used to erect various small buildings for housing equipment and stores. The first barge load arrived Wednesday afternoon.

About all the boats that will be brought to Pascagoula have arrived, it was said yesterday, and it is not likely that further important changes will be made. The speed which has characterized the Coast Guard changes the last few weeks was necessary because of the nearing end of the fiscal

38 miles of ditches dug.
87 miles of ditches improved.
\$870.

96,854 yards of dirt hauled.
\$7,841.

103 acres of cemetery.
value, \$1,000.

Value of county machinery.
\$100.

Amount of wood cut—1
for culverts, value \$25.00;
of wood, value, \$40.00; 80
poles, value, \$200.00.

Church property improved.
one parsonage, covered one
garage, built one fence, for
for small church, repaired.
total value, \$130.

Work done on schools—
school yards improved; also
lowing work done at the
school: Fenced school yard
quarter mile athletic track
dressing rooms, demolished
ing rooms; improved basket
ball and tennis courts. \$
\$1680.

Community property—Pa
Point Community House,
helped build the Coast Guard
and improve grounds, value
ed 1412 barrels of oyst
\$169.44. Total value \$319.44

Total value of all work done.
The financial statement
follows:

Amount received from, \$
of Public Welfare, \$36,352.75

Expenditures—
Spent in work relief.....
Spent for direct relief.....
Spent for administration.....

Total expenditures.....
Balance on hand, June 15

With the cash on hand

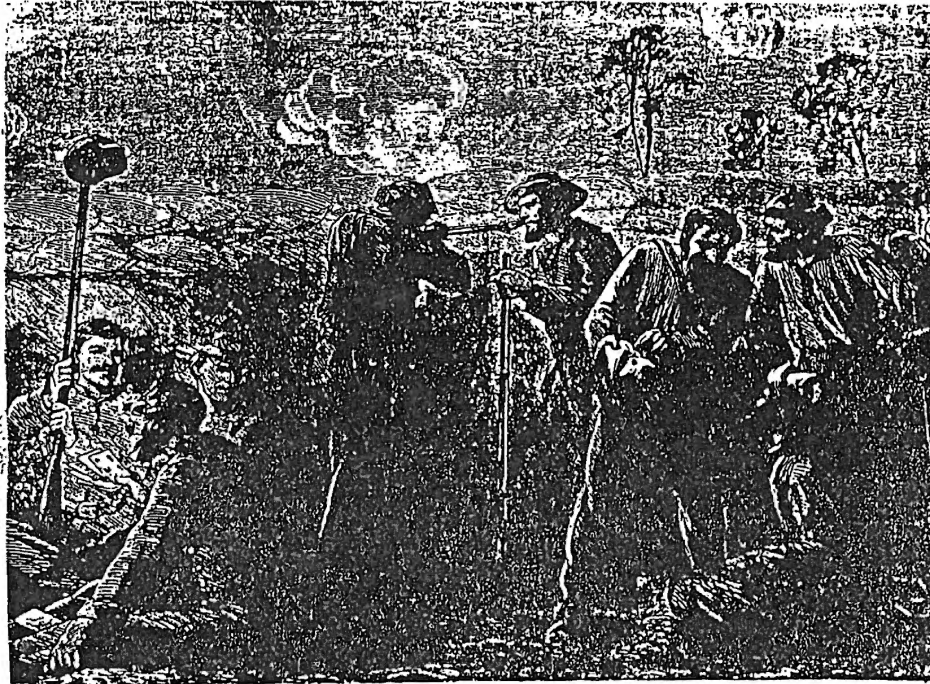
(Continued on Last)

LARSEN-SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott the marriage of their daughter to Mr. Percy Larsen, the marriage taken place on Saturday June 17, at the priest's palace, Lady of Victories church, Father Hunter officiating.

The bride is the efficient, active cashier of the Cole-Gra and Mr. Larson is one of boys employed at the government. Their many friends join this paper in wishing happy and prosperous marriage. The young newly-weds are ably located in an apartment home of Mrs. H. B. Smith street.

JELUSICH-MANSFIELD



A MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT in the Civil War. (From "Harper's Weekly, 1874)."

CIVIL WAR DAYS ALONG THE COAST

(NOTE: excerpts taken from the "Mississippi Historical Chronicle" from the accounts of a W.P.A. writer.)

When the Confederate government was organized, it was necessary to choose a president. The outstanding southern leader was the Mississippian Jefferson Davis. In addition to his military service Davis had represented his state in both houses of the Congress of the United States. The rights of the states had always found a strong defender in Davis. He was asked, therefore, to become the leader of the Confederacy.

During the years of the war there was little time to think of anything except fighting. In addition to the actual fighting, however, there was much toil to be done.

The people who stayed at home at first lived much as in the years before the war. Fields had to be plowed and harvests gathered; cooking and sewing had to be done; the little children and those who were old and feeble had to be cared for. But the war brought many extra tasks, for, as the men left to fight, their work had to be done by those who stayed at home. There were many more things to be done than there were hands to do them. Fields began to grow up in weeds, and food ran short. Instead of making new clothes, the people patched their old clothes. Sugar and salt, coffee and tea, and many other necessities could scarcely be bought. Added to all these troubles, the people at home were always anxious about those in the army. No one knew when the news would come that a brother or father or husband had been killed or wounded in battle. The days of the war were indeed anxious and dark for some folks.

Martins Bluff in Jackson County was the home of Miss Ama Ware.

In 1861 at the beginning of the war between the states, this was a thriving community of about 28 families located on the banks of the Pascagoula River. After this it was declared Martins Bluff and was used by the confederate soldiers as a training camp. Colonel James McGray was in command of regiments, that were trained at Martins Bluff.

Miss Ama Ware's father and brother were soldiers in the confederate army. While serving as a soldier her father developed measles and was very ill and was sent home. While he was on this furlough, a messenger was sent to Martins Bluff to warn the people the Yankees were coming. The families who

had boats hurriedly packed their money, household goods such as china, silver, linens, and groceries — all they could carry in small boats and crossed the Pascagoula River to Pine Island.

This island was between Johns Bayou and Summerlin Bayou. They stayed there for several weeks, and built camps to live in out of poles and covered them with palmetto leaves to protect them from inclement weather. There were about 15 families who taken refuge on Pine Island.

The Yankees stayed so long at Martins Bluff until the refugees on Pine Island became fearful that their hiding places had been discovered. The men on the island made boats and loaded their possessions and families on them. When night came, they started up the Pascagoula River. After several miles of dangerous travel up the river, they found a small abandoned house on the banks of the river.

They had camped in this abandoned house for several weeks when a messenger came to let them know that the Yankees soldiers had gone. They made their way back to their wrecked and damaged homes to find all clothing and other household goods, they could not carry with them stolen or destroyed, hogs and cows were killed and some homes burned. This was in the year of 1864.

Coffee was scarce and the price was beyond the reach of many. They parched corn, rye and even okra seed, ground it and used it for coffee. They also had to make sugar out of syrup.

They made soap by taking oak ashes, pouring water over them and making lye, then put this in a large iron kettle, adding water and lard or any kind of grease and boiling it until it hardened when cold. They would cut into bars, then it was ready to use.

They had to make their own candles out of tallow, matches were scarce and neighbors often had to borrow fire from each other or strike a flint, very few had stoves, and cooking was mostly done over a fire in the fireplace.

Flour was scarce. Most families thought they were faring fine if they could have wheat flour biscuits on Sunday mornings. Canning fruit was unknown, but every family would dry their fruit such as apples, peaches, figs, etc. and use them during the winter months. During the fruit season, the children old enough would be busy peeling and slicing fruit to be put out in the sun to dry.

Mobile, Alabama, was the nearest center of trade, and it would take a week or more to go there and back for supplies, and prices were extortionate.



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Mississippi , JACKSON, WEST PASCAGOULA, Age 67, Female, Race: White,
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EDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in

in the County of Jackson State

Miss enumerated by me, on the *17* day of *Sept* 1860. *Asst Marshal*

Office *West Pascagoula*

order of names.	Family numbered in the order of names.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.		
			Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.						
2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1	O. H. Ramsey	46	m		Farmer	10000	10000	Miss				
		Mahala "	46	f		Housewife			"				
		Sanctimon "	22	m						0			
		Elisha Ann "	20	f						0			
		Nancy "	18	f						0			
		C. L. L. "	12	f						0			
		Wesley D. "	10	m									
		Andrew "	8	m									
		James "	6	f									
		Lester "	3	f									
2	2	E. H. Ramsey	26	m		get timber	200	2000	"				
	3	W. B. Ginter	34	m		Laborer	1500		"				
		James "	34	f									
		James "	12	m									
		Alfred "	8	f									
		Geo. "	6	m									
		John "	4	m									
		Rebecca "	2	f									
		James "	1	m									
	4	James Buckley	25	m		Laborer						0	
		Martha "	24	f								0	
		David "	5	m									
		William "	2	m									
	5	John Brown	25	m		Laborer	1000	400					
	6	John Haring	45	m		Farmer			St. J				
		James "	37	f					Miss				
		Benj. "	29	m		Laborer							
		Lydia "	17	f									
		Nancy "	14	f									
		Polly "	12	f									
		Pinkney "	10	m									
		Martha "	7	f									
		Daniel A. "	5	m									
		Edna A. "	2	f									
1	7	Ed. McRae	62	f		Farmer	10000	25000	St. J				
		Mary A. "	41	f					Miss				
		Kate "	38	f					"				
		Taylor "	15	m					St. J				
		McC "	14	m					Miss				
No. white males, AA No. colored males, No. foreign born, No. blind,						21,200	38,200	No. idiots, No. paupers, No. convicts,					
No. white females, No. colored females, No. deaf and dumb, No. insane,													



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SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in the County of Waldorf
of Mississippi enumerated by me, on the 16th day of October 1900. H. J. [Signature]
Post Office Waldorf, Mississippi

1	2	3	Description			7	Value of Estate Owned		10	11	12	13
			Age	Sex	Color, black or white		Real Estate	Personal Estate				
1	271	John J. McRae	45	M	W	Farmer & M. Co.	28000	1000	Mississippi			
2		Mary J. "	40	F	W				Miss			
3	271	Rev. S. Gaines	75	M	W	Nursing Man	✓		N.C.			
4		Ann "	65	F	W				ala			
5		Mary "	30	F	W				"			
6		J. E. "	25	M	W				"			
7	272	J. M. Hasset	54	M	W	Farmer	✓	1500	300	Pa		
8		Nancy "	50	F	W				"			
9		Joseph "	21	M	W				ala			
10		John "	18	M	W				"			
11		Nancy "	17	F	W				"			
12		John H. "	8	M	W				"			
13	273	L. Perry	30	M	W	Farmer	✓	300	250	N.C.		
14		Rebecca "	25	F	W				ala			
15		Nancy "	11	F	W				"			
16		Joseph "	9	M	W				"			
17		James "	7	M	W				"			
18	274	John Brown	26	M	W	Day laborer	✓		"			
19		Mary "	20	F	W				"			
20	275	William Adams	25	M	W	Day laborer	✓		"			
21		Elizabeth "	21	F	W				"			
22	276	Jacob Adams	28	M	W	Day laborer	✓		"			
23		Ann "	19	F	W				Miss			
24		John "	1	M	W				"			
25	277	John Cook	18	M	W	Day laborer	✓		"			
26		Mary "	16	F	W				"			
27		John "	19	M	W				"			
28		John "	17	M	W				"			
29		Elizabeth "	15	F	W				"			
30	278	William Cook	67	M	W			100	300	"		
31		Edward "	21	M	W	Farmer	✓	200	"			
32		John "	19	M	W	"	✓	100	"			
33		Minerva "	17	F	W				"			
34	279	John Daniel	41	M	W	Farmer	✓	200	"			
35		James "	39	M	W				"			
36		John "	14	M	W				"			
37		Elizabeth "	11	F	W				"			
38		John "	9	M	W				"			
39		Edna "	7	F	W				"			
40		Thomas "	5	M	W				"			

No white males, 21 No colored males, _____ No foreign born, _____ No blind, _____
No white females, 19 No colored females, _____ No deaf and dumb, _____ No insane, _____
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SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in East Parish in the County of Attala State
of Mississippi enumerated by me, on the 22 day of June 1880. W. H. Rogers Ass't Marshal.
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1	2	3	Description			7	Value of Estate Owned		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate					
1	14	14	Wm. M. Middle	9	M	✓			SC				
2			Matilda Middle	8	F								
3			Bolton Middle	6	M	✓							
4			Thompson Middle	5	M	✓							
5			Robert Middle	4	M	✓							
6			John Middle	3	M	✓							
7			Mary Middle	2	F								
8			John Shannon	19	F								
9			John Middle	45	M	✓	Planter	1,100					
10	118	118	W. J. Kunkland	27	M	✓	Planter	2,000	1,000				
11			Elizabeth Kunkland	22	F								
12			W. J. Kunkland	8	M	✓							
13			W. J. Kunkland	6	M	✓							
14			W. J. Kunkland	4	M	✓							
15			Amelia Kunkland	2	F								
16			W. J. Kunkland	2	F								
17	119	119	Reuben C. McRae	22	M	✓	Labourer						
18			E. McRae	14	M								
19			M. V. McRae	11	F								
20			Reuben C. McRae	8	F								
21	120	120	E. McDonald	30	M	✓	Labourer	1,500					
22			E. McDonald	24	F								
23			R. McDonald	9	F								
24			E. McDonald	8	F								
25			J. McDonald	2	M	✓							
26			E. McDonald	2	M	✓							
27			Reuben McDonald	21	M	✓	Labourer						
28	121	121	E. Kunkland	27	M	✓		1,000					
29			Elizabeth Kunkland	16	F								
30			W. A. Kunkland	12	F								
31	122	122	Hugh Conner	56	M	✓	Planter	1,500	600				
32			John Conner	52	F								
33			Martha Conner	18	F		Domestic						
34			Wm. Conner	17	M	✓	Domestic						
35			Reuben Conner	21	M	✓							
36			John Conner	24	M	✓	Labourer	200					
37			Reuben Conner	22	F								
38			Elizabeth Conner	19	F								
39			Mary Conner	1	F								
		No. white males, <u>24</u>		No. colored males, <u>19</u>		No. foreign born, <u>0</u>		No. blind, <u>0</u>		No. Mutes, <u>0</u>		No. deaf and dumb, <u>0</u>	
		No. white females, <u>19</u>		No. colored females, <u>14</u>		No. deaf and dumb, <u>0</u>		No. blind, <u>0</u>		No. Mutes, <u>0</u>		No. deaf and dumb, <u>0</u>	

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HISTORY OF JOHN Mc RAE

John Mc Rae was from a long line of hardy and resourceful Scotch Highlanders. John Mc Rae was born Sept. 6, 1792 in Sneedsboro, N.C. He married Elizabeth Mary McRae Nov. 22, 1809. Moved to Winchester S. W. (South west Miss) where he was soon to become a successful trader and commission merchant. His barges piled produce which he shipped cotton on his own schooners to New Orleans, Mobile and up the atlantic coast as far away as Boston. The Mc Rae business grew so rapidly that nine years after his arrival in Miss. he decided to move again. He moved his family to the mouth of the Pascagoula River in Jackson County. (First barges on the Pascagoula river)

He moved to the Gulf Coast due to his health. Here he bought a large track of land and settled his family in a home on the Miss. sound. In 1834 he acquired additional properties near mouth of Pascagoula River. He built a large Colonial home, now Gautier, it was completely destroyed by fire. He was the first to operate schooners in this section.

John and wife Elizabeth were parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters. He had three sons who became very prominent. Colin - was a commission Merchant in Mobile, sent by Jefferson Davis as chief financial agent for Confederate States in Europe. James - a Legislator from this district, also a Colonel in Civil War. Malcolm - Registrar in Chancery Court. (These sons remained bachelors) John J. - Became Governor of Miss. 1854 - 1858

John Mc Rae died March 11, 1835 and was buried in "McRae Cemetery" in Gautier, Miss.

John Mc Rae was the first person to ship Cotton down the Pascagoula River.

(From Four Centuries on The Pascagoula Vol. II)

- I. John McRae of Scotland married Elizabeth McKenzie
2. Daniel McRae 1753 in Scotland d. 7-24-1829, buried in Wm. Powe Cem. in Wayne Co., Miss.; m. 12-6-1779, Margaret McDuffie, daughter of John McDuffie and Margaret Pattison both of whom came to N.C. from Scotland. They had 5 children.
3. Elizabeth Mary McRae 1792-1867 m. John McRae II 1778-1835 (He in McRae Cem)
 4. Malcolm J. McRae b. 1812 in N. C. m. Mary Ann Taylor
 4. Collin J. McRae 1813 - 1871 d. in British Honduras unm.
 4. John J. McRae 1815 - 1868 d. British Honduras m. Mrs. Mary McGuire
 4. Margaret McRae b. 1816 in N.C. - 1852, m. ----- Osborn
 4. Mary Johnson McRae b. 1818 in Miss. m. Angus Kelly
 4. Elizabeth McKenzie McRae 1823 - 1885 m. Burwell Boykin
 4. Catherine Laura McRae 1825 - 1902 in Mobile m. -----Hempstead
 4. Isabella Oliva McRae 1827 - 1868 m. James Emile Armor
 4. James B. McRae 1830 - 1896, unm. Lt. Col. C.S.A. McRae. Cem.
 4. Daniel Walter McRae 1834 - 1836 McRae Cemetery, Gautier, Miss.
 4. Charles Stuart McRae 1820 - d. in Calif; unm.

Malcolm J. b. in N.C., was educated in Frederic's School in Pascagoula and in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He owned a resort Hotel in Pascagoula, sent two sons to Confederate army, and was later an official in Mobile.

Colon J. b. in N.C. served as a member of the legislature, both in Miss. and Ala; was member of the Confederate congress; and represented the Confederate government in Europe. After the war, as an exile, he migrated to British Honduras where he died.

John J. served as the Speaker of the House of the Miss. Legislature for four years, was Congressman, U.S. Senator, and Governor of Miss.

James B. born in Jackson Co., served in bothhouses of the Miss. legislature, was a county officer, and a Colonel in the Civil War.

There are five marked graves in McRae Cem. Augustus G. Kent, Elizabeth Ann Sutton, Wm. Thomas Anidel are there.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY OF JACKSON.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT,
DECEMBER TERM, 1928.

KATE M. SHEPARD et. al.

VS. NO. 5108 COMPLAINTS.

J. W. NEAL and B. R. ALBRITTON, adults,
resident citizens of Hinds County, Mississippi,

Elizabeth Kirkland Johnson and Lilly B. Brame,
adults, whose places of residence and Post-office
addresses, including street addresses are unknown,

Elizabeth Files and Mrs. Walter Boykin, if living,
whose respective places of residence and Post-office
addresses, including street addresses, are unknown,
and if dead, their respective unknown heirs, assigns,
devisees and personal representatives, whose names,
places of residence and Post-office addresses, in-
cluding street addresses are unknown.

McRae Mrs. Charles Boykin, ^{Miss} Charlotte Boykin and ^{Stuart} Miss Elizabeth
Boykin, adults, whose place of residence and Post-
office address, including street address is 1300
North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois,

Burwell L. Boykin, an adult, whose place of residence
and Post-office address, including street address,
is 261 South Georgia Avenue, Mobile, Alabama,

Mary Boykin, whose place of residence and Post-office
address is Marion, Alabama, street address unknown.

Elizabeth M. Boykin, whose place of residence and
Post-office address, including street address is
Arlington Hall, Station Box 818 D, Washington, D.C.

The Unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and personal re-
presentatives of Helen Moro, of Isabelle Glaude, of
Anthony Campbell, of A. Moro, of John B. Beaudreaux,
of John McRae, of Elizabeth McRae, of Malcolm McRae,
of Elizabeth H. Boykin, of James B. McRae, of Mrs. J.M.
Kirkland, of Taylor McRae, of Malcolm J. McRae, Jr.,
of Collin J. Boykin, of Hunter Boykin, of Walter Boykin,
of Charlie Boykin, of Mary Boykin, of Elizabeth Brame,
of L. R. Brame, of Collin J. McRae, of John J. McRae,
of Mary McRae Kelly, Margaret McRae Osborne, of
Catherine McRae Hemptstead, of Isabelle McRae Armor,
of Charlie McRae, of Walter McRae, of Elizabeth Files,
of Charles A. Miller, of Andrew Dexter,
and

All other persons or parties who may have or claim any
right, title and interest in or to the lands described
in the bill of complaint.

DEFENDANTS.

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TO THE HONORABLE CHANCERY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

Your complainants, who are Mrs. Kate M. Shepard, Mrs. ^EGeline A. Stallworth, adult resident citizens of the City of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, Samuel W. Perry, an adult resident citizen of East Lynn, West Virginia, Mrs. Catherine Perry Hudson, Miss Elizabeth M. Perry, and A. J. Perry, Sr., all resident citizens of Jackson County, Mississippi, would, with respect represent and show unto the Court that they are the true, legal and equitable owners of and are in possession of the hereinafter described land, to-wit:

The following tract or body of land lying and being situated in the County of Jackson, State of Mississippi, in Townships 8 South of Range 6 West and 8 South of Range 7 West, and bounded by a line running as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the Township line between Townships 7 and 8, ^{South} which point is twenty chains East of the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 6 West; thence running East along said Township line 19.53 chains to the Northwest corner of the James White Claim or Section No. 2 Township 8 South, Range 6 West; thence running South along the west line of said James White Claim Section No. 2, 41.40 chains to the Southwest corner of the said James White Claim Section No. 2; thence South 33° West 11.54 chains; thence South 36° 30' East 25.43 chains; thence South 15° East 7.18 chains, more or less to the Mississippi Sound or Gulf of Mexico; thence Westerly along the water's edge of the said Mississippi Sound or Gulf of Mexico, following the meanderings thereof 82 chains more or less to a point in the immediate vicinity of the mouth of Bayou aux Prunes or Plum Bayou, which point is at the Southern extremity of the West boundary of the A. Moro Claim Section No. 11 of Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and which point is South 11° East approximately 127.70 chains from a point on the Township line between Townships 7 and 8 in the center of the North line of the J. B. Beaudreaux Claim Section No. 12 of Township 8 South, Range 7 West; thence North 11° West in the direction of said center point of the North line of said Beaudreaux Confirmation to the South margin of the right-of-way of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company; thence South 78° East along the South

margin of said Railroad right-of-way to a point thereon which is due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of Beginning; the boundaries hereinabove outlined embrace approximately six hundred acres and include a small part in the Southwest corner of the Helen Mero Claim Section No. 9, practically all of the Isabelle Glaude Claim Section No. 3; all of the Anthony Campbell Claim Section No. 4, South of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, all in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; the whole of the A. Mero Claim Section No. 11; all of the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1, South of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, and a triangular piece of the John B. Beaudreaux Claim Section No. 12, embracing approximately one-third of said Claim Section, which triangle lies South of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, all in Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and all rights, privileges and riparian rights appertaining to or belonging to the above bounded and described land.

There is excepted, however, from the above described and bounded land, the following small parcels situated in the North end of the Isabelle Glaude Confirmation No. 3 of Township 8 South, Range 6 West, lying North of the right-of-way of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, to-wit:

Two acres sold to Louisa Wiley on the 8th of May 1895 by deed recorded in Book 17, pages 129-131 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi;

Two acres sold to Kate Bilbo on the 15th day of July 1897 by deed recorded in Book 18, page 375 Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi;

Two acres sold to J. L. McDaniels on the 15th of August 1898 by deed recorded in Book 19, page 211 of the record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

One-half acre North of and adjacent to the McDaniels land sold to a negro church, and one acre slightly westward thereof sold for a negro graveyard.

✓ The west boundary of the land herein described, is that fixed and established by and between Alfred E. Lewis and Elizabeth McRae on July 22nd 1854 by instrument appearing of record in Book 3, pages 15 to 17, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi. The distances and courses of the other boundaries are those fixed by the survey of Enoch Ramsay of March 21st to 23rd inclusive 1904, which survey appears of record at page 60 of the Surveyor's Record of Jackson County, Mississippi, modified slightly, however, on the eastern part of the boundary of the land herein described by agreement between the owners of said land and W. W. Grinstead and confirmed

by final decree in suit No. 4077 of the Chancery Court Docket of Jackson County, Mississippi, styled "W. W. Grinstead vs Hull House Association et. al.", which final decree appears of record in Book 50 pages 42-44 Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That your complainants are the owners of and claim said land through the following muniments of title hereinafter de-raigned, and also by reason of absolute, undisturbed, peaceable, continuous, hostile, adverse possession thereof, for more than fifty years; from actual residence and occupancy thereof through their predecessors in title for more than seventy-five years; and through a continuance of said residence and occupation of the whole of said property under well constructed fence for more than twenty-four years.

Your complainants, would, with respect, represent and show unto the Court that their respective undivided interest in said property are as follows, to-wit:

Mrs. Kate M. Shepard,	7/16th undivided interest;
Mrs. Gelfne A. Stallworth,	5/16th undivided interest;
Samuel W. Perry,	1/16th undivided interest;
Mrs. Catherine Perry Hudson,	1/16th undivided interest;
Miss Elizabeth M. Perry,	1/16th undivided interest;
A. J. Perry, Sr.,	1/16th undivided interest;

Complainants would show that their property hereinabove described embraces the whole of the A. Moro Claim Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and parts of the following Private Claims or Sections, to-wit:

John B. Beaudreaux Claim Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, the Isabelle Glaude Claim Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 4, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and Helen Moro Claim Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 6 West.

That these respective claimants acquired title to said property by Grants from the Spanish or French Crown at the time when this part of the State of Mississippi was under the flag and jurisdiction of foreign countries, and that their respective Claims were surveyed by the United States Government, confirmed with the description embraced in their respective foreign grants, and the surveys thereof delineated and marked on the official Township Plats of the Townships wherein said Claims lie and so appear delineated and marked on the certified copies of the Township Plats of Township 8 South Range 6 West and of Township 8 South, Range 7 West now on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would further show that the Private Claim of Isabelle Glaude No. 3, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, the Private Claim of Helen Moro in Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, the Private Claim of J. B. Beaudreaux, Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, were confirmed in the respective claimants by Act of Congress of May 8th 1822 and patents were issued to the respective claimants of the land so confirmed in them, certified copies of which patents appear of record in ✓ Book 61 respectively at pages 645 - 646, 646-647, and 647-649, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi, and that the Private Claims of Anthony Campbell Section 4, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and the Private Claim of A. Moro, Section 11, Township 8 South Range 7 West, were likewise confirmed in the respective claimants by Act of Congress, but that through either failure to follow up with proper application or through over-sight in the General Land Office of the United States no patents were issued to the last above two named Claimants for the lands embraced in their respective Claims, but that the 69th Congress of the United States of America by Act approved on the 3rd day of March 1927, released, relinquished and confirmed by the United States to the equitable owners of the equitable

titles thereto to their respective heirs and assigns thereof as fully and completely in every respect as could be done by patents issued according to law, certified copy of said Act appearing of record at page _____ of Book _____, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

AS TO COMPLAINANTS LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH
RANGE 6 WEST:

Complainants would show that on the 13th day of January, 1826, Elizabeth Glaude (alias Isabella Glaude) and Helen Moro conveyed to John McRae a certain tract of land which embraces, a part in the southwest corner of the Helen Moro Confirmation No. 9 and all of the Isabella Glaude Confirmation No. 3 in Township 8 South Range 6 West by deed which appears of record now in Book 14, pages 348-349, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

✓ That the grantors to this deed were the original claimants in whom their respective claims had been confirmed and to whom they were later patented by the United States Government.

That on the first day of September 1832, Helen Moreau (Moro) joined by all of the heirs of Elizabeth Glaude (alias Isabella Glaude) conveyed to John McRae a tract of land on the Pascagoula Bay west of the west Pascagoula River in Township 8 South Range 6 West described as fronting on the Bay and running northward between Bayou LaMotte and the James White's claim.

Your complainants aver that this conveyance was undoubtedly executed to give better description to the land intended to be conveyed by Elizabeth Glaude and Helen Moro in the deed just above set out; and that the tract of land lying between Bayou LaMotte and the James White Claim would embrace the whole of the Isabelle Glaude Claim Section No. 3, the whole of the Anthony Campbell Claim Section No. 4 all in Township 8 South Range 6 West. This conveyance now appears of record in Book 14, pages

350-351 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants further show to the Court that in the deed from Elizabeth Glaude and Helen Moro to John McRae above set out, it is recited that on the 13th day of March, 1825, being a year before the execution of the said deed, Helen Moro had already conveyed to John McRae a tract of land immediately to the east of the tract then conveyed which tract of land your complainants aver embraced the whole of the Helen Moro Confirmation No. 9 in Township 8 South Range 6 West.

✓ That on the 21st day of May, 1833, Valentine Delmas as administrator under authority of a decree of the Chancery or Probate Court of this County, all record of which procedure has since been destroyed in one of the several court house fires, conveyed to John McRae a certain tract of land in Township 8 South Range 6 West bounded by a metes and bounds description, which tract embraces both the Isabella Glaude Claim Section No. 3 and the Helen Moro Claim Section No. 9, by deed which appears of Record in Book 14, pages 351-353 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County.

AS TO COMPLAINANTS LAND IN TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH
RANGE 7 WEST.

Complainants would show that the John B. Beaudreaux claim Section No. 12-Township 8 South Range 7 West was patented by the United States to J. B. Beaudreaux as hereinabove set out.

That on the second day of November, 1835, John B. Beaudreaux conveyed said Section by metes and bounds description or rather approximate the east half of said section to Alfred E. Lewis by deed which now appears of record in Book 3, pages 21-22, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi, and that the said Alfred E. Lewis, grantee of John B. Beaudreaux, was placed by the said Beaudreaux in possession of that part of the J. B. Beaudreaux claim which now lies within the boundaries of your complainants land as well as part of the J. B. Beaudreaux

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Claim lying to the westward of your complainants land, which part of said claim adjacent and to the west of complainants' lands, thenceforth became the homestead of the said Alfred E. Lewis.

Complainants would further show that Anthony Campbell and A. Moro, original claimants respectively of the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1-8-7 and of the A. Moro Claim Section 11-8-7, which claims lie between parallel lines running northward from the seashore, the west line terminating at the sea shore at the mouth of Plum Bayou or Bayou aux Prunes and the East line terminating at the sea shore at the mouth of Bayou La Motte, conveyed their respective tracts or claims to Valentine Delmas by deeds, the originals of which have been lost or destroyed and cannot now be located and the record of which was destroyed in one of the several court house fires of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the second day of January, 1834, the said Valentine Delmas and his wife Josephine Delmas joined by Rene Krebs and his wife Marie Krebs conveyed to Charles A. Miller a tract of land of some 240 acres bounded by the sea shore on the South by Bayou aux Prunes and the J. B. Beaudreaux Claim on the west and by Bayou La Motte on the East and by public lands on the North, which tract of land embraced the whole of the A. Moro Claim Section 11-8-7 and of the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1-8-7. And that on the 7th day of April of the year 1834, the said John B. Beaudreaux conveyed to the said Charles A. Miller by Quit Claim all of his right, title and interest in the lands above conveyed by the said Delmas to the said Miller. The said deed from the said Delmas et al having been originally recorded on the 12th day of November, 1834, in the land deed records of Jackson County, having been re-recorded on the 29th of November 1873 and now again filed for record on the 29th day of October A. D. 1928, and now appearing of Record in Book 61, Page 650-652 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi, and the said Quit Claim from the said John Beaudreaux was originally filed for record in the Land Deed Records of Jackson County and there recorded on the 12th day of November, 1834, and again recorded in said land deed

records on the 28th day of November, 1873, both of which records having been destroyed and is now again filed for record on the 29th day of October, 1928, and appears of record in Book 61, Pages 650-652, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the 6th day of April, 1836, the said Charles A. Miller conveyed the above described tract of land, acquired from Delmas and Beaudreaux as aforesaid, to Collin J. McRae and Malcolm J. McRae by Warranty Deed which was first filed for record and recorded in the Land Deed Records of Jackson County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of April, 1836, said record having since been destroyed and the original being again filed for Record on the 29th day of October, 1928, and now appearing of Record in Book 62, Pages 1 and 2 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the 11th day of March, 1837, Malcolm J. McRae conveyed to Colin J. McRae the interest which he had acquired in the aforesaid tract of land from the said Miller and which conveyance from the said Malcolm J. McRae to the said Colin McRae was first filed for record on the 12th of June, 1837, was again filed for record on the 26th of November, 1873, and is now again filed for record on the 29th day of October, 1928, and appears of Record in Book 62, Pages 2 and 3, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the 6th day of February, 1841, the said Colin McRae conveyed by Warranty Deed to Elizabeth M. McRae, the widow of John McRae, the aforesaid described tract of land, which deed was first filed for record in the Land Deed Records of Jackson County, on the 3rd day of May, 1841, was again filed for record on the 2nd day of December, 1873, and now is again filed for Record on the 29th day of October, 1928, and appears of Record in Book 62, Pages 3 and 4, of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.
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Complainants would show that the description used in the last several deeds set out in complainants' chain of title beginning with Valentine Delmas and wife down to Elizabeth M. McRae was absolutely correct as to physical boundaries and natural water course and as to the acreage included within the said boundaries. However, complainants would show that Bayou La Motte, the East boundary of said land, is on the Township line between Township 8 South Range 6 West and Township 8 South Range 7 West and that the land conveyed by the several deeds lies in Township 8 South Range 7 rather than in Township 8 South Range 6 as erroneously stated in the aforesaid deeds.

That on the 22nd of July, A. D. 1854, the said Alfred E. Lewis on the one part and Elizabeth McRae, then the widow of John McRae, on the other part executed an instrument establishing the boundary line between the property then owned by the said Elizabeth McRae on the East of said boundary line and the property then owned by the said Alfred E. Lewis on the west of said boundary line so established. The boundary line so established was fixed and located with minute certainty and exactness with reference to the natural stream or bayou known as Bayou aux Prunes or Plum Bayou and with reference to the center of the north line of the John B. Beaudreaux Claim and the boundary line so fixed could with certainty and definiteness be located and run by any surveyor. That by said instrument the said Elizabeth McRae conveyed to the said Alfred E. Lewis all property or claim to property belonging to her that lay west of the established boundary and the said Alfred E. Lewis in the same instrument conveyed to the said Elizabeth M. McRae whatever property, claim, right or interest therein owned by the said Alfred E. Lewis that lay east of said established boundary, and said instrument was executed by Alfred E. Lewis and his wife, Ann R. Lewis, because the Lewis property lying to the westward of the boundary line was at the time the homestead of the said Alfred E. and Ann R. Lewis; which instrument establishing said boundary and conveying land as aforesaid now appears of Record in Book 3, pages 15-17 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

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AS TO THE WHOLE OF COMPLAINANTS' LAND IN
TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH RANGE 6 WEST AND IN
TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH RANGE 7 WEST.

Your complainants would show that the said John McRae, grantee of Helen Moro and Elizabeth Glaude and others as aforesaid, died prior to the year 1836 intestate, that an administration of his estate was had however in the Probate Court of Jackson County, Mississippi, at the June Term, 1836, the Record of such administration has been destroyed and is now non-existent, but a perusal of the old deeds now re-recorded in the County show positive evidence of such administration; the deed, for instance, of Colin J. McRae, Administrator of the estate of John McRae, conveying certain property to John J. McRae which appears of Record in Book 3, pages 76-78 inclusive, sets out a complete recital of the administration of the estate as well as the decrees and orders of court authorizing and directing the sale of said property.

Your complainants would further show that the said John McRae left as his heirs-at-law his widow, Elizabeth M. McRae, grantee of Alfred E. Lewis of the Beaudreaux Claim as aforesaid, and the following children now all deceased, to-wit:

Malcolm J. McRae, Colin J. McRae, John J. McRae, James B. McRae, ~~Raymond McRae~~, Mary McRae Kelly, Margaret McRae Osborn, Elizabeth McRae Boykin, Catherine McRae Hempstead, Isabelle McRae Armor, Charlie McRae, and Walter McRae; and that the property of the said John McRae, deceased, passed by inheritance to the aforesaid heirs except approximately 30 acres which was conveyed by the administrator of the said John McRae to John J. McRae under description now indefinite and uncertain, the said property having been conveyed and described as Lot No. 2 of the estate of John McRae, and there being no record or plat or survey of the lands of said estate that survived the

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court house fires, it is impossible to ascertain with any degree of certainty just what 30 acres was conveyed by this instrument. Said 30 acres, however, did lay somewheres within Complainants property; which administrators deed appears of record now in Book 3, pages 76-78 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would show that Elizabeth M. McRae, the widow of John McRae, died intestate shortly after the year 1865.

Complainants would show that of the children of the said John and Elizabeth McRae above set out several died single and intestate and their respective right, title and interest in the estates of their said father and mother passed by inheritance to their surviving brothers and sisters. Those of the children who died single and intestate without having previously conveyed their respective interest in the said estates and whose interest therein passed by inheritance as aforesaid are as follows, to-wit:

Mary McRae Kelly, whose husband pre-deceased her without leaving any heirs.

Margaret McRae Osborn, whose husband likewise pre-deceased her.

Charles McRae, Walter McRae, and John McRae.

That on the 14th day of April, 1868, the said Elizabeth M. Boykin conveyed to her sister Catherine L. McRae, who later became Catherine L. Hempstead, her undivided one eighth interest in all of the land embraced within the boundaries of complainants lands by deed which now appears of Record in Book 14, pages 355-356 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on December 30, 1881, the said Elizabeth McRae Boykin conveyed to her sister Catherine L. Hempstead all of her right, title and interest in said lands that now form your complainants land except 100 acres on the Beach front between Bayou La Motte and Bayou aux Prunes including the residence thereon by deed of December 30, 1881, which appears of Record in Book 12, pages 309-310 of the

Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on July 21, 1883, the said Elizabeth McRae Boykin conveyed to her sister the said Mrs. C. L. Hempstead the said 100 acres described in the aforesaid deed, by deed now appearing of record in Book 12, page 311 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi; and with the three instruments of conveyance just above noted, the said Catherine L. Hempstead acquired all right, title and interest of Elizabeth M. Boykin in the lands now owned by your complainants as just hereinabove described.

It will be noted, however, that while the said land conveyed was properly bounded so as to include the whole of your complainants' lands, it was erroneously described as lying in Township 8 South Range 6 West, when approximately half of said land lay in Township 8 South Range 7 West. Complainants aver however that it was the intention of the grantor to convey her interest in the whole of said tract and that she actually placed her sister the said Catherine L. Hempstead in possession thereof and by said instruments actually released and relinquished all of her right, title and interest in the whole of said tract.

That on the 21st day of July, 1869, James B. McRae, another son and heir of the late John McRae and Elizabeth M. McRae, conveyed to his sister Catherine L. McRae, who later became Catherine L. Hempstead, under metes and bounds description and proper boundaries, his right, title and interest in complainants' lands which he had acquired by inheritance, which conveyance, however, was erroneous only in that the lands were described as all being in Township 8 South Range 6 West, when in fact part of said lands were in Township 8 South Range 7 West.

✓ Complainants aver, however, that it was the intention of, and the grantor actually conveyed and placed the grantee in possession of the whole of said land. That the said James B. McRae later died intestate and left no heirs other than those through whom complainants have acquired title to said property.

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Complainants would show that on the 11th day of March, 1837, Malcolm J. McRae, the eldest son of John McRae, deceased, conveyed to Collin J. McRae, certain lands now embraced within complainants lands, which the said Malcolm J. McRae had evidently acquired by inheritance from his father, John McRae, then deceased.

Complainants would further show unto the Court that on the 20th of October 1875, Collin J. McRae, also a son of John and Elizabeth McRae, then deceased, conveyed by warranty deed to Catherine L. Hempstead all right, title and interest that the said Colin J. McRae had in and to the estate, both real personal and mixed of his father, John McRae, deceased, and of his mother Elizabeth McRae, deceased, particularly referring to said real estate as being situated on the Bay of Pascagoula in Jackson County, Mississippi, which deed provided that the interest so conveyed contemplated all interest whether acquired by inheritance or by purchase and which deed now appears of record in Book 2, pages 238-239 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would further show that on the 12th day of January 1842, Elizabeth M. McRae, the widow of the original John McRae conveyed to Malcolm J. McRae, a certain tract of land, described in said conveyance, that is now embraced in your complainants lands, which said conveyance was made to the said Malcolm J. McRae, who was the eldest son of John McRae, deceased, as stated in said conveyance "for the purpose of making a proper distribution of the estate among the several minor children of said John McRae, then deceased." This conveyance appears of record in Book 2, page 235, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

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Complainants would further represent to this Court that the minor children referred to in said deed from Elizabeth McRae to Malcolm J. McRae were James B. McRae, from whom complainants' title predecessor, Mrs. Catherine L. Hempstead acquired a conveyance, Charlie McRae, and Walter McRae, who died intestate, without issue, and from whom complainants inherited an interest in said land, Elizabeth McRae Boykin, from whom also the said Mrs. Catherine L. Hempstead acquired conveyances. Catherine L. Hempstead, from whom your complainants acquired title by devise, Isabelle McRae Armor, from whom your complainants acquired title by inheritance.

Your complainants would show unto the Court that the said Malcolm J. McRae, who had acquired title to an interest in said lands for the benefit of the said minor children above listed, made conveyances to said children on their attaining majority, but the deeds, the originals of which have been lost or destroyed, cannot now be located, and the record, if said deeds were ever recorded, has been destroyed in one of the Court House fires, or if complainants are mistaken in this averrment, they then alleged that at the death of the said Malcolm J. McRae, or rather at the time the said minor children attained majority, their respective interests in said land became vested in them because the said title was placed in the said Malcolm McRae for distribution among said minor children and the said Malcolm McRae was merely a trustee and acquired no right, title or interest in said land by said conveyance except for the purpose therein expressed, and, after the death of the said Malcolm McRae and the attainment of the majority of the respective minor children, they each recognized the other as the owners of said land or as the owners of that interest in said lands conveyed by the said Elizabeth McRae to the said Malcolm McRae.

Complainants would, however, show that on December 19, 1870, the said Malcolm J. McRae, Quitclaimed to Catherine L. Hempstead all lands embraced in the boundaries of complainants' lands, by deed now appearing of record in Book 4 pages 346-349 of the Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would further show unto the Court that the said Catherine L. Hempstead died many years ago, testate, and was predeceased by her husband, and that the Will of the said Catherine L. Hempstead was duly probated in the Probate Court of Mobile County, in the State of Alabama, and that an exemplified copy of said Will and the probaton thereof was admitted to probate in the Chancery Court of Jackson County, Mississippi, and that said Will and the probaton thereof now appears of record in Book 2, pages 487-489, Record of Wills of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That said Will was executed on the 25th day of July 1882, and by the terms of said Will, there was devised to Angeline L. Armor an undivided one-fourth interest in the estate of the said Catherine L. Hempstead, and that the said devisee is now Mrs. ~~Gelene~~ A. Stallworth, one of your complainants herein.

That the residue of the estate of the said Catherine L. Hempstead was devised in equal shares to Catherine M. Shepard, who is your complainant, Kate M. Shepard, to Elizabeth M. Perry, the deceased mother of your complainants, Samuel W. Perry, Mrs. Catherine Perry Hudson, Miss Elizabeth M. Perry and the deceased wife of your complainant A. J. Perry, Sr., and to Horace B. Armor and James E. Armor.

Complainants would show that the said Horace B. Armor departed this life testate, about the first part of the

year 1902, and the Will of the said Horace B. Armor was duly admitted to probate in the Probate Court of Mobile County, in the State of Alabama, and an exemplary copy of said Will, together with the probate of said Will, was duly filed for probate and admitted to probate in the Chancery Court of Jackson County, Mississippi, and that said exemplified copy of said Will, together with the probate thereof now appears of record in Book 2 pages 90-93 of the Record of Wills of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would show that by the terms of said Will, the said Horace B. Armor, after making certain bequests, divided the residue and remainder of his estate, which residue and remainder included the testator's interest in the lands now owned by complainants, as follows:

1/3 to his sister, Kate M. Shepard, one of your complainants;

1/3 to his sister, Gelfne A. Stallworth, one of your complainants;

and the remaining 1/3 to the children of his deceased sister, Elizabeth Perry, who are also your complainants.

Complainants would further show that the said James E. Armor on the 31st day of March 1905, conveyed to Armor Commission Company, a corporation, all of his right, title and ☒ interest in lands now embraced within the boundaries of your complainants lands first hereinabove set out, by deed which appears of record in Book 29, pages 460-461, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the 18th day of December 1905, the said Armor Commission Company, a corporation, conveyed to Kate M. Shepard, who is one of your complainants, the said lands which grantor had acquired by the aforesaid deed from James E. Armor, by deed which appears of record in Book 30, pages 366-367, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would further show that Isabelle McRae Armour, the remaining daughter of the original John and Elizabeth McRae, had inherited an interest in the estates of the said John and Elizabeth McRae and had also inherited interests in the lands of your complainants from her brothers and sisters above set out as having died intestate without issue. That the said Isabelle McRae Armour died intestate many years ago and left as her sole heirs-at-law, the following children:

Gelene A. Stallworth
Kate M. Shepard
James E. Armour
Horace B. Armour
and Elizabeth Perry, the wife of
your complainant A. J. Perry, Sr.,

and that these children inherited in equal proportions, according to the Laws of Descent and Distribution, all right, title and interest of the said Isabelle McRae Armour in and to the lands of your complainants.

That the interests in said land of James E. Armour and Horace B. Armour have passed into your complainants as above outlined, and that Elizabeth Perry also died intestate several years ago and left as her sole heirs-at-law her husband, A. J. Perry, Sr., one of complainants, and the following children:

Samuel W. Perry,
Catherine Perry Hudson,
Elizabeth M. Perry,
all complainants in this suit,
and, A. J. Perry, Jr., who has recently
died single and intestate,

and that the interest of said Elizabeth Perry, deceased, in said lands, is now vested in her husband and three children who are complainants.

Complainants would also show that on December 5, 1903, your complainant Samuel W. Perry conveyed to Nicholas E. Stallworth the interest in said lands that grantor had acquired

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by inheritance from his mother Elizabeth Perry, then deceased, by deed appearing of record in Book 27, pages 394-395, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

That on the 27th day of October, 1928, the said Nicholas E. Stallworth reconveyed said interest in said lands to your complainant, Samuel W. Perry by deed which appears of record in Book 63 pages 4 and 5, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Complainants would show that there is embraced within the boundaries of their said lands a tract of 30 or 40 acres that was known in years past as the "Downing Tract." That there are no records or plats from which this tract can be located and its description ascertained nor are there any land marks known to those living from which said tract can be located or from which said tract wherever located, derived its name. That said tract is embraced in the lands acquired by your complainants through conveyances, devises and by inheritance.

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Complainants represent, however, that to prevent any outstanding title to this phantom tract of land, complainants secured a deed on the 6th of March, 1912, from the Gulf of Mexico Land and Improvement Company, a corporation, to "Lot 4 known as the Downing Tract in Sections 6 & 7, Township 8 South Range 6 West," which deed appears of record in Book 38, pages 73-74, Record of Deeds of Jackson County, Mississippi; and that said corporation had come into possession of some title to such described tract through a chain of conveyances beginning with Alfred E. Lewis; thence on January 27, 1890, from the Lewis heirs to H. J. Russell; then on June 2, 1890, from H. J. Russell to John B. Lyon, trustee; thence on October 24, 1890, from John B. Lyon, Trustee to Gulf of Mexico Land and Improvement Company.

Your complainants aver that they are the owners of the lands first hereinabove described by record title as hereinabove deraigned, but they are advised that they have a right to appeal to this honorable court for a decree confirming and quieting their title to said lands and are advised that their title should be confirmed because of the apparent breaks in the early history of their chain of title caused by the burning of all land deed records of this County; because of the vague description used in the deeds of conveyance made many years ago; because your complainants and some of their title predecessors acquired title by operation of the Statute of Descent and Distribution and not by instruments of writing that are of record or could be placed of record; because the conveyances from Malcolm and from Valentine Delmas down to Elizabeth M. McRae J. McRae, James B. McRae and from Elizabeth M. Boykin, while properly describing said property intended to be conveyed by metes and bounds with reference to then well recognized land marks and water courses, many of which are now unable to be identified except with the assistance of those who knew said property fifty years or more ago and who will soon pass from the world of mortals, referred to said property as being in Township 8 South Range 6 West, when, in fact, said property actually lies partly in Township 8 South Range 6 West and in Township 8 South Range 7 West; and complainants are advised that they are also entitled to have the aforesaid deeds corrected and reformed by decree of this Court to clearly express the intention of the respective grantors thereof,

Complainants would show that they and their title predecessors are and were the equitable owners of the equitable title to that part of their lands that lie in the A. Moro Claim Section 11-8-7 and in the Anthony Campbell Claim Sections 1 Township 8 Range 7 and Section 4 Township 8 Range 6 and enjoyed all of the rights, privileges and enjoyments of the ownership thereof and that by the passage of the Act of Congress of March 1927, above referred to, your complainants became, with the merging of the equitable and legal titles, the true legal and

equitable owners of said lands.

In addition to complainants' claim of ownership to the land first hereinabove described by reason of record title hereinabove deraigned, your complainants also claim to be the owners of said land by reason of adverse possession and specially plead the statutes of adverse possession in support of their said claim of ownership, and the statutes of prescription and limitation against all those who might have had any claim whatever to said lands had not said statutes operated against and effectually barred such claims.

✓ Complainants would show that for a continuous period of more than one hundred years, your complainants and their predecessors in title have been in actual, continuous, unmolested, undisturbed, hostile, adverse, peaceable, and notorious possession of said lands, subjecting said lands through all of this time to actual occupancy, including residence thereon, as well as to every type or kind of possession that said lands were susceptible of, and that complainants and their predecessors in title have exercised every type, kind and character of ownership known to and recognized by the law over said lands, and that through all these years there never has been any hostile claim asserted or attempted to be asserted by anyone until the year 1926 when the said E. J. Albritton and the said J. W. Neal acquired from the State of Mississippi pretended and void forfeited tax patents to a small part of complainants' lands which lie in the Anthony Campbell Claim Section No. 1, Township 8, South Range 7 West, and made some claim to said land by the securing of said void patents and the placing of said patents of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson County, Mississippi, thus creating for the first time in a hundred years a cloud or suspicion on the title of part of complainants' lands.

Complainants would show that their lands first hereinabove described have been owned by, under the control of and in the possession of the McRae family continuously for 100

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years; that John and Elizabeth McRae, from whom your complainants are direct lineal descendants, lived on said lands, maintained residences thereon, which occupancy and residence has been continued and continuous by the said John and Elizabeth McRae, by the children of the said John and Elizabeth McRae by the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the said John and Elizabeth McRae, who are now complainants in this case.

Complainants would show that in the year 1825 or 1826 when John McRae first came into possession under deeds from Helen Moro and Isabelle Glaude and the heirs of Isabelle Glaude to that large tract of land which includes practically all of complainants' land in Township 8 South Range 6 West, that the said John McRae constructed thereon a home, which home was located about the boundary between the Helen Moro Claim Section No. 9 and the Isabelle Glaude Section No. 3 in Township 8 South Range 6 West and that the said John McRae lived thereon as the owner of said land under peaceable possession under the authority of his said deed of purchase until the time of his death and that the old home place remained thereon until destroyed by Federal soldiers during the Civil War between the States of this Union.

That after the death of the said John McRae, his widow Elizabeth McRae constructed a large home in about 1850 just to the west of the mouth of Bayou La Motte on the A. Moro Claim Section No. 11-8-7. In 1854, she established with A. E. Lewis the west boundary of her holdings by deed hereinabove referred which appears of record in the Land Deed Records of this County and constructed fences necessary to maintain the home and large estate owned by her extending into the J. B. Beaudreaux Claim Section 12, Township 8 South Range 7 West, the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1, Township 8 South Range 7 West and the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 4, Township 8 South Range 6 West; that the said Elizabeth McRae lived continuously at said home place *her death after which said Mrs. Humphreys possessed it until* until the same was destroyed by fire in the early 80's.

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possession of said lands ~~as shown by the~~ and have been recognized as the sole owners thereof. That for all these years their ownership, occupancy, residence, possession of and control over said lands have been open, notorious, peaceable, undisturbed, continuous and hostile as against all possible claimants including all other heirs of the original John and Elizabeth McRae, their heirs and assigns.

Complainants would further show that right to possession and ownership of complainants and their title predecessors has been, through all these years, known and recognized by the world, and complainants aver that their title to said lands, in addition to the record title hereinabove deraigned, has been quieted and established and made perfect by this long continued peaceable, undisturbed, adverse possession under claim of right and color of title, and complainants aver that their title to said land by reason of adverse possession is good, perfect and unassailable.

Complainants and their title predecessors have always paid or offered to pay all taxes legally assessed and due on said lands and that said lands have been assessed to complainants and complainants' title predecessors as far back as the records of this County disclose, as the McRae lands west of the West Pascagoula River or the McRae Homestead lands west of said River or as the McRae Tract or by some other generally recognized designation under which the whole tract has been known.

Complainants would show however that on the assessment roll of the year 1906 a part of complainants lands embraced in the Anthony Campbell Claim Section No. 1 Township 8 South Range 7 West were erroneously assessed to "Unknown" without complainants knowledge or consent and that when the time came for the payment of taxes for the year 1907, complainants offered to pay the taxes on the McRae tract as said lands had been formerly ^{and were then} assessed in one large body and actually paid taxes on said tract, being ignorant and not advised that a small part in the center of said

that part of complainants land in the said Glaude Confirmation, Section No. 3, Township 8 South, Range 6 West which lies north of the L. & N. Railroad Company and maintained said fence continuously around the pasture for sheep and stock for more than 20 years and that the said Bilbos, as agents and tenants of your complainants, kept trespassers from said land north of said Railroad right-of-way, cared for and held absolute, peaceable possession of said lands under fence, as aforesaid, for your complainants.

Complainants would further show that through all these years, namely; more than 100 years, the possession exercised over the whole of said lands, the residence and occupancy thereof has been continuous and uninterrupted and that the right to the possession thereof and the ownership thereof of your complainants and of their title predecessors has never been questioned or disturbed, or has never been assailed, molested or has anyone asserted or attempted to assert any right, title, interest or claim of ownership to any part of said land hostile to complainants title until the year 1926 when the said Albritton and the said Neal as aforesaid, secured and placed of record void forfeited tax patents to a small part of complainants' land.

Your complainants would show, from the time of last conveyance from Elizabeth M. Boykin to Catherine L. Hempstead on July 21, 1883, as above set out, that the said Catherine L. Hempstead and ^{the heirs of} her sister Isabelle Armoyn, ~~from both of whom, your complainants acquired title to said land by devise and by inheritance respectively,~~ became the (sole owners of said land, the former by inheritance and by purchase and the latter by inheritance.

That these two daughters of the original John McRae and Elizabeth McRae went into the actual possession of said lands and that they and your complainants who acquired title from them by devise and inheritance have been for forty-five years preceeding the filing of this bill of complaint continuously in the

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That in the year 1883 there was builded on this same site, by Horace Armour, a brother of your complainant Kate M. Shepherd, a home for the complainants herein and there was also builded to the east near the boundary of the Helen Moro and Isabelle Glaude Claims in Township 8 South Range 6 West, a large tenant house both of which places were occupied by complainants and their tenants up until the said Shepherd home was destroyed by fire a few years past, when there was immediately constructed several other houses on said tract of land, which houses then constructed, together with the large tenant house to the east in the Moro or Glaude tract, have been continuously occupied by complainants and their title predecessors to this day.

Complainants would further show that on March 21st to 23rd, 1904, E. N. Ramsey, a surveyor of recognized ability was engaged by your complainants to run out the boundaries of your complainants land and that the map prepared by said surveyor was placed of record on the 16th day of May, 1904, and appears of Record at pages 60 of the Surveyor's Record of said Jackson County, that immediately following the placing of record of said map there was constructed by complainants substantial fences on the lines run by said survey and delineated on said map along the east and west boundaries of your complainants lands north to the south right-of-way fence of the L. & N. Railroad Company and that such fence so constructed, together with right-of-way fence of said Railroad Company on the north and the Gulf of Mexico on the south completely enclosed the whole of complainants' lands that lay south of said railroad, which lands so enclosed embraced all but probably 10 or 12 acres of complainants' lands.

✓ Complainants would further show that immediately following the sale of a small tract of said land in the Glaude Confirmation north of the L. & N. Railroad to Kate Bilbo in the year 1897, the said Kate Bilbo and her father Alfred Bilbo, with the permission and under the authority and direction of your complainants, fenced in under substantial fence all of

McRae tract had been separately assessed to "Unknown" and hence while complainants paid taxes on their said property and secured tax receipts therefor the taxes on this particular tract in the center of complainants property were apparently not paid even though complainants had offered to pay the taxes on all of their property and had made payment thereon and had received tax receipts which complainants were led to believe were for taxes on the whole of their property.

However, complainants would show that this particular tract, to-wit: Anthony Campbell tract in Section 1, Township 8 South Range 7 West was attempted to be sold for the taxes of the year 1907 on the 6th day of April 1908, to the State of Mississippi.

Complainants later discovering this and also discovering that a similar attempted tax sale was made to the State on the 5th of March, 1907, for the same particular tract of land, took the matter up with the State authorities and pointing out the error in said assessment and the invalidity of said tax sale, requested that said sales be stricken from the record as complainants had a right under the law to do and complainants believed that said two attempted tax sales, one on the 5th of March, 1907, and one on the 6th of April 1908, were so stricken from the record, but complainants have recently discovered that the letter of the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi of June 4, 1913, only directed the striking from the record of the void sale of March 5, 1907, but did not direct the striking from the Record of the void sale of April 6, 1908.

Complainants would show unto the Court, however, that said attempted sale of April 6, 1908, was not only illegal and void for the reasons hereinabove set out, but was also void because of the fact that all sales based on the assessment roll of the year 1906, as this sale was based, were void and invalid in that the assessor of said County failed in his legal duty as required and made mandatory by law to give or publish notice of

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the preparation and filing of said assessment roll and of the time for the hearing before the Board of Supervisors of objections to the assessments made on said roll, and that this failure on the part of the assessor of said County absolutely rendered void, null and of no effect any attempted sale of lands for taxes during the year 1908.

Complainants further aver that the instruments which purport to be forfeited tax patents issued by the State of Mississippi to J. W. Neal on the 23rd day of June, 1926, now appearing of Record in Book 59, page 81 for the West Half of the Anthony Campbell tract of Section 1, Township 8 South Range 7 West and to E. J. Albritton on the 23rd of June, 1926, for the East Half of the Anthony Campbell Tract of Section 1 Township 8 South Range 7 West are void and of no effect and constitute merely clouds or a suspicion on the title to complainants' property. That the State of Mississippi acquired no title to said land by the attempted tax sale to the State as aforesaid, and hence had no title to vest in the said Neal and Albritton by the issuance of said pretended forfeited tax patents.

Complainants would further show that the attempted conveyances of fractional interests in said Campbell tract by J. W. Neal to E. J. Albritton of July 18, 1926, of record in Book 59, page 106, by E. J. Albritton to J. W. Neal of June 18, 1926, appearing of Record in Book 59, pages 80-81 and of E. J. Albritton to B. R. Albritton of July 15, 1926, appearing of Record in Book 59, page 201, are likewise void and of no effect and passed no title or interest in the lands described therein for the reason that the State of Mississippi had no title to said lands, the said Neal and Albritton acquired no title to said lands and could not vest in their respective grantees any title to said lands.

Complainants aver that these two pretended forfeited tax patents and the pretended deeds from the respective grantees constitute a suspicion or clouds on complainants' title to

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that part of complainants' lands therein described and that complainants have a right to have said pretended patents and conveyances declared void, annulled and canceled by decree of this Honorable Court as clouds on complainants' title to have this Court decree that neither the said James W. Neal nor the said B. R. Albritton have any right, title or interest in or to this said Campbell tract or any part of complainants' lands.

Complainants have made and caused to be made diligent search, investigation and inquiry to ascertain the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses of the heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives of Helen Moro, Isabelle Glaude, Anthony Campbell, John B. Beaudreau and A. Moro and after such diligent search and inquiry all are unknown to complainants.

Complainants from knowledge passed down to them through the McRae family and from diligent search and inquiry, have set out above the names of all of the children of the said original John McRae and Elizabeth McRae, and have shown how your complainants have acquired title to said property from the said children and from the heirs of the said children other than your complainants.

Complainants have made and caused to be made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the names, places of residence, and post office addresses, including street addresses of the heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives of Malcolm McRae, Elizabeth M. Boykin, and James B. McRae, who are three of the children of John and Elizabeth McRae who made conveyances of said property to Catherine L. Hempstead complainants' title predecessor, by deeds referring to said property as lying in Township 8 South Range 6 West, which deeds complainants will pray be reformed, and after such diligent search and inquiry, if there are any heirs, etc., other than the following, they are unknown to complainants:

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(1) Malcolm McRae, left four children, to-wit:

- (a) Elizabeth Files, if living, her place of residence, post office address, including street address is unknown and, if dead, the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses, of her unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives, are unknown to complainants.
- (b) Mrs. J. M. Kirkland died intestate and whose husband J. M. Kirkland also died intestate leaving one daughter, Elizabeth Kirkland Johnson, whose place of residence, post office address, including street address is unknown.
- (c) Taylor McRae and
- (d) Malcolm J. McRae, Jr., both of whom died single and intestate.

(2) Elizabeth M. Boykin.

- (a) Colin J. Boykin, who died single and intestate.
- (b) Hunter Boykin, who died single and intestate.
- (c) Walter Boykin, who died intestate, leaving as his sole heirs, his widow, Mrs. Walter Boykin, whose place of residence, post office address and street address, if she be living is unknown, and if she be dead, whose heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives are unknown to complainants.
- (d) Charlie Boykin, who is dead, and whose heirs are:
 - (1) Mrs. Charles Boykin, his widow.
 - (2) ^{Stuart}Charlotte Boykin, a daughter
 - (3) Elizabeth McRae Boykin, a daughter.

Whose places of residence, post office addresses including street addresses are: 1300 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois.

- (e) Mary Boykin, who died, followed by her husband, Frank Boykin, and whose children are:
 - (1) Burwell L. Boykin, whose address is 261 S. Georgia Ave., Mobile, Alabama.
 - (2) Mary Boykin, Marion, Alabama, street address unknown.
 - (3) Elizabeth M. Boykin, Arlington Hall, Station Box 818 D, Washington, D. C.
- (f) Elizabeth Brame, who is dead and whose husband L. R. Brame is likewise dead and whose sole heir is:
 - (1) Lillie B. Brame, place of residence, post office address, including street address unknown.

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Elizabeth M. Boykin.

Lillie B. Brame.

The unknown heirs, devisees and personal representatives of Helen Moro, of Isabelle Glaude, of Anthony Campbell, of John B. Beaudreaux, of A. Moro, of John McRae, of Elizabeth McRae, of Malcolm McRae, of Elizabeth M. Boykin, of James B. McRae, of Mrs. J. M. Kirkland of Taylor McRae, of Malcolm J. McRae, Jr., of Colin J. Boykin, of Hunter Boykin, of Walter Boykin, of Charlie Boykin, of Mary Boykin, of Elizabeth Brame, of L. R. Brame, of Colin J. McRae, of John J. McRae, of Mary McRae Kelly, of Margaret McRae Osborn, of Catherine McRae Hempstead, and of Isabelle McRae Armor, of Charlie McRae, of Walter McRae, of Elizabeth Files, and of Charles A. Miller, of Andrew Dexter and

All other persons or parties, who might have or claim any right, title and interest in or to the lands described in the bill of complaint.

Your complainants would with respect represent and show unto the Court that they have acquired title to the land first hereinabove described by deraignment hereinabove set out of conveyances, devisees and of inheritance, as well as by the operation of the statutes of adverse possession, and that from such deraignment your complainants are now vested with undivided interests in said property approximately as set out on page 4 of this bill of complaint; and that many years ago, following the acquisition by your complainants of the whole title to said land, your complainants in order to make definite their respective undivided interests, as ~~xx~~ acquired and to eliminate the use of large fractions ~~xxxxxxxx~~ in fixing their respective interests, agreed among themselves that they would hold said land as tenants in common each owning the respective undivided interest as set out on page 4 of this Bill of Complaint.

And now your complainants re-affirming and confirming said former agreement by the acknowledging of this bill of complaint, do further agree and bind themselves one to another that their respective undivided interest in said property are as above set out and are as follows, to-wit:

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(3) James B. McRae, who died single and intestate.

✓ Complainants have made and caused to be made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses of any and all other persons or parties, in addition to those above set out who might have or claim any right, title or interest in or to the lands described in the bill of complaint, and after such diligent search and inquiry all such persons or parties, their names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses are unknown to complainants except J. W. Neal, a resident citizen of Hinds County, Mississippi, and B. R. Albritton, a resident citizen of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Therefore, in order to correct and reform deeds hereinabove set out, to establish certain deeds lost or destroyed, to cancel and annul the forfeited tax patents to E. J. Albritton and to J. W. Neal, respectively, as well as conveyances made of parts of complainants' lands by said parties, all as above set out, and in order to perfect, quiet and confirm complainants' title to said lands against all defendants hereinabove and hereinafter named, as well as against all persons or parties who might have or claim some right, title, or interest in or to said lands,

Complainants make defendants to this bill of complaint, J. W. Neal, B. R. Albritton.

Elizabeth Files, if living, and if dead, her unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives.

Elizabeth Kirkland Johnson.

Mrs. Walter Boykin, if living, and, if dead, her unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and personal representatives.

Mrs. Charles Boykin.

Miss ^{Stuart} ~~Charles~~ Boykin,

Miss Elizabeth McRae Boykin.

Burwell L. Boykin.

Mary Boykin.

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Mrs. Kate M. Shepard,	7/16 undivided interest;
Mrs. Gelene A. Stallworth,	5/16 undivided interest;
Samuel W. Perry,	1/16 undivided interest;
Mrs. Catherine Perry Hudson,	1/16 undivided interest;
Miss Elizabeth M. Perry,	1/16 undivided interest;
A. J. Perry, Sr.,	1/16 undivided interest;

The premises considered your complainants pray that this their bill of complaint be received and filed and that process of this Court be issued in the manner provided by law to all defendants hereinabove enumerated, as well as to all unknown and non-resident defendants, and to all other persons or parties, who might have, claim or assert any right, title and interest in and to your complainants' land; that all defendants may be summoned to be and appear before this Honorable Court at the December, 1928 Term thereof, and then and there be required to answer, plead or demurr to the allegations of this bill of complaint, (answer under oath being expressly waived) and that on the final hearing of this cause that your complainants be declared to be the true, legal and equitable owners of the land first hereinabove described in the bill of complaint and that their respective undivided interest in said land be fixed as hereinabove set out and agreed upon ~~xxxxxx~~ by and between your complainants and that, in such proportion of undivided interests your complainants' title to said lands be quieted and confirmed in them against all defendants herein enumerated as well as against all other persons or parties, who might have, claim or assert any right, title and interest in said lands; and that the missing deeds causing breaks in the early history of complainants' title be established; and that the conveyances to complainants and their title predecessors from Malcolm J. McRae, from James B. McRae and from Elizabeth M. Boykin, and from Valentine Delmas down to Elizabeth M. McRae hereinabove set out be corrected and reformed so as to properly express the intention of the respective grantors of such conveyances; and that the attempted tax sale of part of complainants land made on the 6th of April, 1908, be canceled and declared void; and that the two pretended forfeited tax patents involving the Anthony Campbell Claim Section 1 Township 8 South Range 7 West issued by the State of Mississippi on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1926, respectively, to J. W. Neal and to E. J. Albritton, now of record in the land deed

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records of said County be declared void, canceled and annulled as clouds on complainants' title and that the subsequent deeds from the said Neal to the said E. J. Albritton, from the said E. J. Albritton to the said Neal and from the said E. J. Albritton to the said B. R. Albritton be likewise declared void, canceled and annulled as clouds on complainants' title and that the said J. W. Neal and the said B. R. Albritton be declared to have no right, title and interest in or to said Anthony Campbell Tract or any of complainants' land and that their respective claims thereto be canceled and annulled; and that all defendants hereto be perpetually enjoined and restrained from asserting or attempting to assert any right, title and interest in or to complainants' lands or to any part thereof, in hostility to complainants' title and complainants pray for such other further and general relief as in equity they may be entitled to receive.

Kate M. Shepard

*Gleese A. Stillworth
(her mark)

Samuel W. Perry

Catharine Perry Hudson

A. Perry

Elizabeth M. Perry

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
COUNTY OF MOBILE,
CITY OF MOBILE.

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority within and for the State, County and City aforesaid, this day personally came and appeared Mrs. Kate M. Shepard and Mrs. Geline A. Stallworth, who, being by me duly sworn, on their respective oaths state that affiants are two of the complainants in the foregoing bill of complaint and that affiants claim to own respectively 7/16 undivided interest and 5/16 undivided interest in and to the land described in the bill of complaint.

That those matters of fact and of record set forth in the bill of complaint are true as therein stated and, as to those matters and things alleged on information and belief, affiants have been so informed, believe and verily aver to be true.

Affiants further state that complainants have made and caused to be made diligent search, investigation and inquiry to ascertain the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses, of all persons or parties (who might have or claim any right, title and interest in or to the lands described in the bill of complaint and that after such diligent search and inquiry, made by complainants the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses of all such persons, defendants to this bill, about whom such information could be secured have been set out in the bill of complaint.

Affiants further state that after the making of such diligent search and inquiry, if the names, places of residence, post office addresses, including street addresses, of any persons or parties could not be ascertained by complainants, it is so noted in the bill of complaint and such defendants together with the information sought remains unknown to complainants.

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Affiants further state that all defendants not herein above set out as resident defendants are either unknown to complainants or are non-residents of the State of Mississippi.

~~Affiants further state that~~
dence, post office addresses, including street addresses of all persons or parties not fully set out in the foregoing bill of complaint are unknown to complainants after the making of such diligent search and inquiry.

Wherefore complainants pray that process issue to all resident defendants that that process by publication be made, in the manner provided by law, for all unknown and non-resident defendants.

Kate M. Shepard
+ Glenora Stallworth
(her mark)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this the 30th day of October, A. D. 1928.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY OF JACKSON.

Margaret Lake
NOTARY PUBLIC
Com. expires 1/11/31

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority within and for the State and County aforesaid, this day personally came and appeared Mrs. Catherine Perry Hudson and A. J. Perry, Sr., who being by me duly sworn on their respective oaths state that they are two of the complainants in the foregoing bill of complaint and that they are each owners of an undivided 1/16th interest in and to the lands described in the bill of complaint, that the matters of fact and of record set forth in the foregoing bill of complaint are true as therein stated and that as to those matters and things alleged on information and belief, affiants have been so informed, verily believe, and aver to be true.

Catherine Perry Hudson
A. J. Perry

SWORN to and subscribed before me this the 31 day of October, A. D. 1928

Grace Taylor
CHANCERY CLERK, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

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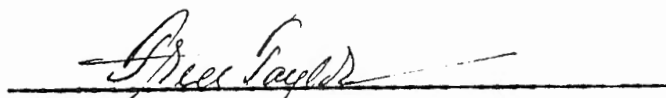
DEFENDANTS.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY OF JACKSON.

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority within and for the State and County aforesaid, this day personally came and appeared Samuel W. Perry, who being by me duly sworn on his oath states that he is one of the complainants in the foregoing bill of complaint and that he owns an undivided one sixteenth interest in the property described in said bill of complaint, that the matters of fact and of record set out in said bill of complaint are true as therein stated and that the averments as to diligent search and inquiry are true as therein stated.



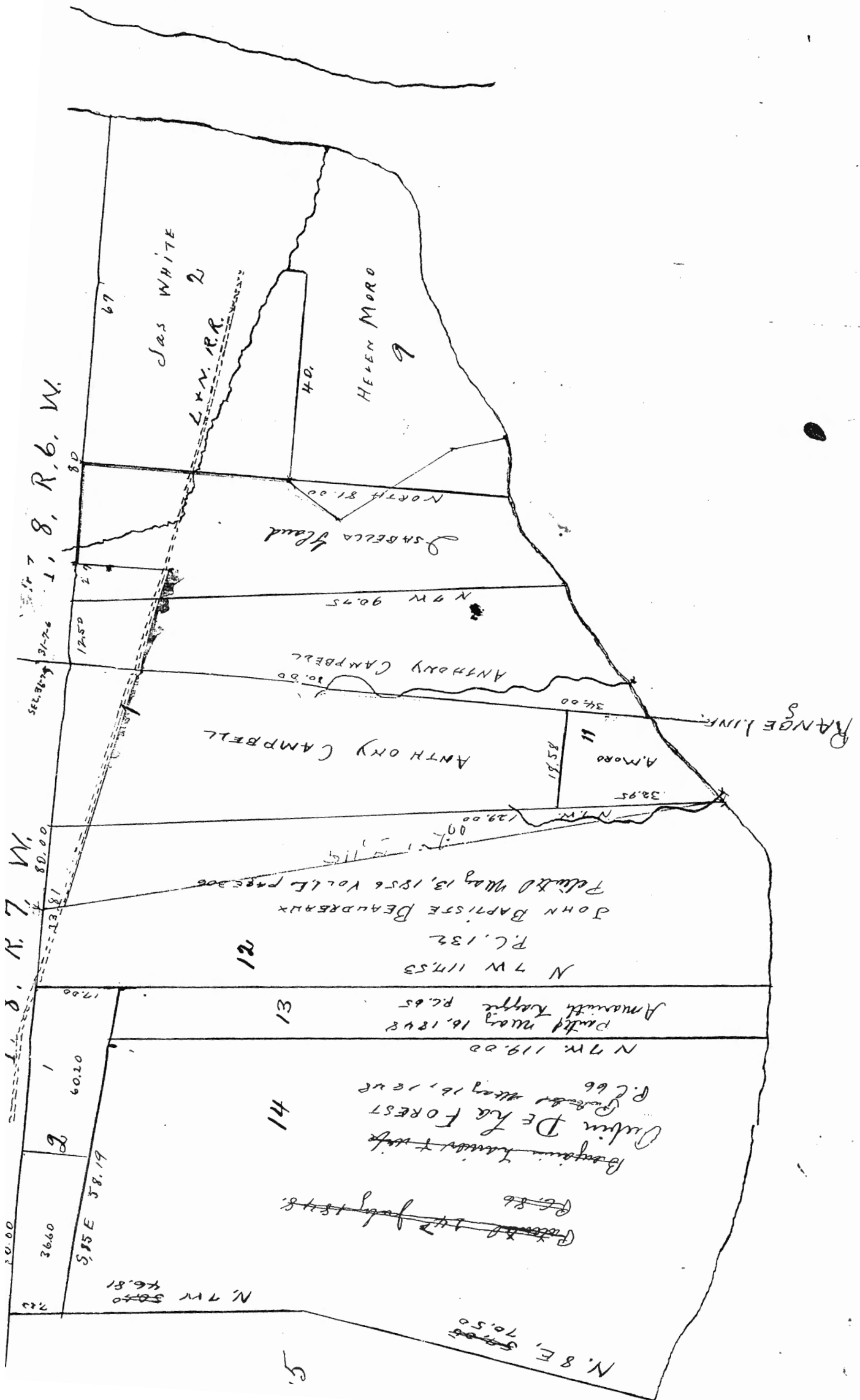
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day of October, A. D. 1928.

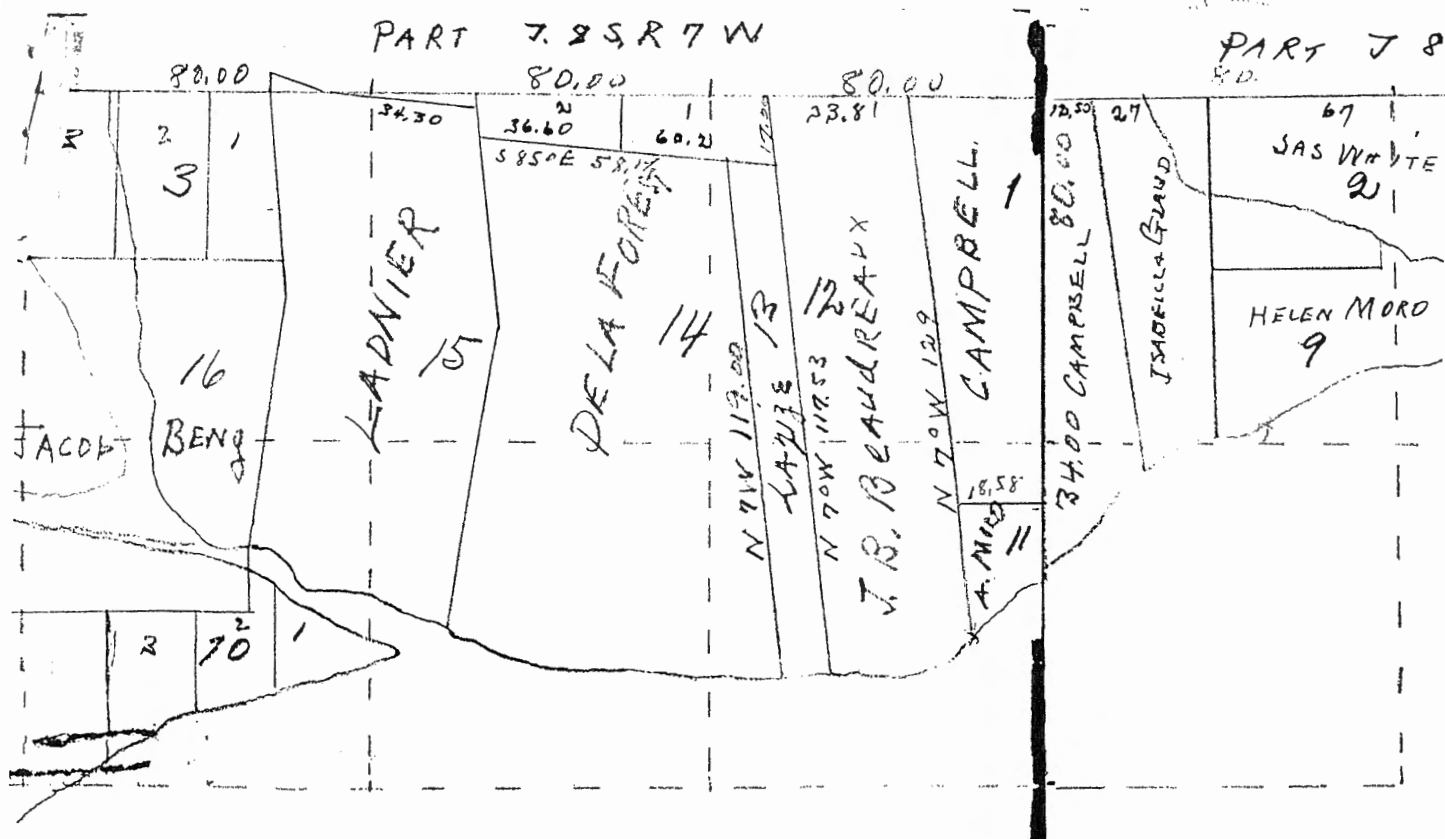

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Jackson County, Mississippi

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CLAIM NO 1, ANTHONY CAMPBELL	234.65 ACRES	CLAIM NO
SECTION No 2	96.8 "	" NO
" NO 3	238, "	" NO
CLAIM NO 11 A. MORD	45.48 "	" NO
CLAIM NO 12 JOHN BAPTISTE BEAUDREAU	449.66 "	
" 13 AMARANTH LASISE	35.24 "	
" 14 ALBIN BELA FOREST	756.42 "	
" 15 BENJ. LADNIER	595.23	

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ELIZABETH MARY McRAE BIBLE

Original owner - Elizabeth Mary McRae
Address - Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi
Present owner - Mrs. S. W. Perry, widow of Samuel Watkins Perry, a great
grandson of John & Elizabeth Mary McRae
Address - 514 Woodland Drive, Huntington, West Virginia

Bible published by - Samuel Bagster
Address - Paternoster Row, London, England
Date published - December 1826
Republished by - H. Huntington, June 1841

Submitted by - Dr. Cyril E. Cain
Address - P. O. Box 416, State College, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

Note: This is an authentic copy from the original Bible. The handwriting was so dim that it would not photostat and we took a typewritten copy made by the late S. W. Perry, a great grandson, and compared it with the original for accuracy. A few dates of late deaths and marriages had been added by him without violating any facts. The Bible itself had no separate entry of marriages or deaths. -- Cyril E. Cain

On the back cover of the Bible in gold letters is written

Xmas 1844

(Notes made by Elizabeth Mary McRae in her family Bible)
John McRae, the head of our family, was born in North Carolina on February 15, 1778. His parents were John and Margaret McRae. (He had no brothers that we know of. One sister, Mrs. McQueen, lived in Alabama.)

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Elizabeth Mary McRae, wife of said John McRae, was born September 6, 1792. She was the daughter of Daniel McRae and Margaret McDuffie, who were married December 6, 1779. Daniel McRae was the son of John McRae and Elizabeth McKenzie, both of whom were from the highlands of Scotland.

Margaret McDuffie was the daughter of John McDuffie and Mary Pattison who also came from Scotland. All these Scotch families were followers of the Stuarts and emigrated to North Carolina during the Protectorate.

John McRae and Elizabeth Mary McRae were married in Anson County, N. C., on November 22, 1809 by Rev. T. Woods.

John McRae died at West Pascagoula, Miss. March 14, 1835.

Elizabeth M. McRae died at Mobile, Ala., Oct. 18, 1867.

Children of John and Elizabeth McRae:

Malcolm J. McRae, born at Sneedsboro, N. C., Feb. 6, 1811. Died in Miss. 1865; buried at West Pascagoula, Miss.

Colin J. McRae, born at Sneedsboro, N. C., Oct. 22, 1813. Died in Belize, British Honduras, 1875; buried there.

John J. McRae, born at Sneedsboro, N. C., Jan. 10, 1815. Was governor of Miss. 1854-1858; also U. S. Senator from Miss. Died in Belize, British Honduras, May 30, 1868.

Margaret McRae, born Sneedsboro, N. C., Oct. 15, 1816; died in Mississippi, June 15, 1852. (Mrs. Osborn)

Mary Johnson McRae (Mrs. Angus Kelly), born at Winchester, Miss., Sept. 20, 1818. Died in Marion, Alabama.

Charles Stuart McRae, born at Winchester, Miss., Oct. 20, 1820. Died in California.

Elizabeth McKenzie McRae (Mrs. Burwell Boykin), born at Winchester, Miss., March 25, 1823. Died in Jackson, Miss., 1885.

Catherine Laura McRae (Mrs. Hempstead), born at Winchester, Miss., May 18, 1825. Died in Mobile, 1902.

Isabella Olivia McRae (Mrs. J. E. Armor), born at West Pascagoula, Miss., September 11, 1827. Died in Mobile, August 1868.

James B. McRae, born at West Pascagoula, Miss., May 13, 1830. Died in Jackson county, Miss., December 1896.

Daniel Walter McRae, born at West Pascagoula, Miss., Feb. 21, 1834. Died Aug. 17, 1836.

Brothers and sisters of Elizabeth M. McRae:

John McRae, 1780-1824.

Isabella McRae, (Mrs. Pittman), 1784-

Margaret McRae, (Mrs. Sumrall), 1795-

Daniel R. W. McRae, 1803-

m. Thomas Sumrall d. Copiah Co.

I hereby declare that the above is a true and correct copy of the Elizabeth Mary McRae Bible.

Signed, Cyril E. Cain

July 28, 1961

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RICHARD DUNCAN McRAE BIBLE

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Original owner - Richard Duncan & Fannie Proctor McRae
Address - Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi
Present owner - Maggie Belle McRae Simmons (Mrs. Hubert Franklin)
Address - Brandon, Mississippi

Bible published by - Title page lost; information not obtainable.

Copied from the original Bible and submitted by -Mary J. Berry
Address - 3918 North State Street, Jackson 6, Mississippi
Date copied - March 14, 1958

Note: The Title page of this Bible has been lost. On a page between the Old and New Testaments is the statement that this is the revised version of A. D. 1881.

Duncan McRae, father of Richard Duncan McRae, was in the Mississippi Legislature, representing Rankin County, from 1859 to 1861. He was a first cousin of Governor John J. McRae of Mississippi, who served 1844-1848.

Maggie Belle McRae Simmons

See Elizabeth Mary McRae Bible, this Volume pp 1-2; also Fannie Proctor McRae Bible, this Volume,

Written on a title-page in the front of the Bible is the following -

Fannie P. McRae
Presented by
Her husband
Dec. 25, 1889

CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFIES
That the Rite of

HOLY MATRIMONY
Was Celebrated Between

R. D. McRae of Rankin Co., Miss. and F. W. Proctor of Rankin Co., Miss.
were married on 21 day of Feb. 1867 at J. McCutche(torn) by Henry C. Harris,
D.D.

MARRIAGES

Louise McRae and C. R. Lovett were married at Calvert, Texas Oct. 1902.
Effie Branton and Conrad J. McRae were married at Columbia, Miss. April 4,
1912. At Home White Bluff, Miss.
Samuel Proctor McRae & Rowena Green were married Sept. 14, 1912, Jackson, Miss.
Fred Moore McRae & Vinette Mishlen were married Oct. 18, 1919, Chicago, Ill.
Maggie Belle McRae & Hubert F. Simmons were married May 24, 1924, in Duncan,
Miss. James W. McRae & Linda Atkins were married Jan. 6, 1935.
Rowena Green McRae, daughter of S. P. & Rowena McRae, and Raymond McClinton
were married Nov. 17, 1938.

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Sam P. McRae, Jr. & Doris Kling were married May 2, 1942.
Effie Louise McRae, daughter of Conrad & Effie Branton McRae, & Ralph J. Code were married Sept. 1935.
Richard McRae, son of S. P. & Rowena McRae, & Selby Watkins were married June 25, 1946.
Frederick Proctor McRae, son of Fred M. & Vinette McRae, & Bettye Chastain were married Jan. 3, 1942.
Fred Proctor McRae & Melba Ozborn were married Apr. 26, 1947

BIRTHS

Richard D. McRae, son of Duncan & Nancy McRae, was born 28 of Aug. 1844 in Rankin Co., Miss.
Fannie Proctor McRae, daughter of Samuel and Louisa B. Proctor, was born Dec. 28, 1849 in Camden Co., N. C.

Children of R. D. and F. P. McRae -

Mary Louise was born in Rankin Co., Miss. (torn off)
Duncan was born in Rankin Co., Miss. May (torn off)
Samuel Proctor was born in Rankin Co., Miss. (torn off)
Robert Lee was born in Rankin Co., Miss. Dec. (torn off)
Richard Alexander was born in Rankin Co., Miss. Oct. 31st (year torn off)
Conrad J. and Fred Moore twins were born in Rankin Co., Miss. June 10 (torn off)
James Whitfield was born in Rankin Co. (torn off)
Maggie Belle was born in Rankin Co., Miss. (torn off)
Edward Jack was born March 14 (torn off)
Albert McLaurin (torn off).

DEATHS

Samuel J. Proctor, father of F. P. McRae died Oct. 8, 1892, at Greenville, Miss.
Duncan McRae, son of R.D. & F. P. McRae died in Rankin Co., Jan. 7, 1894 in his 23 year.
Louise McRae Lovett died Sept. 12, 1917, Calif.
Richard D. McRae died Nov. 4, 1922, Brandon, Miss.
Effie Branton McRae died Jan. 27, 1919, Bassfield, Miss.
Fannie Proctor McRae, wife of R. D. McRae died June 16, 1934, Brandon, Miss.
Margaret Frances McRae, daughter of Conrad & Effie B. McRae, died June 25, 1937 in Memphis, Tenn.
Samuel Proctor McRae died July 1st 1957, Jackson, Miss.
Rowena Green McRae, wife of S. P. McRae, died in Colorado Springs, Colo. March 22, 1929.
Linda Adkins McRae died in Jackson, Miss. Nov. 14, 1941.

MEMORANDA

Children of Samuel Proctor McRae (b. 1874) and Rowena Green McRae (m. Sept. 14, 1912) -
Rowena Green McRae, born Aug. 2, 1916, married Raymond McClinton on November 17, 1938. Their children -
Rowena McClinton, born Dec. 13, 1940.
Raymond McClinton, born April 29, 1943.

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Samuel Proctor McRae, Jr., born May 26, 1918, married on May 2, 1942, Doris Kling (born Jan. 28, 1921). Their children -
Doris Kling McRae, born Oct. 11, 1943.
Mary Dianne McRae, born March 18, 1947.
Samuel Proctor McRae, III, born April 20, 1953.
Richard Duncan McRae, born Feb. 14, 1921, married June 25, 1946, Selby Watkins (born Aug. 1925) - Their children -
Richard Duncan McRae, born Dec. 31, 1947.
Susan Watkins McRae, born Oct. 14, 1952.
Vaughan Watkins McRae, born July 16, 1956.

Children of Fred Moore McRae (born June 10, 1884) and Vinette Mishien McRae (married Oct. 18, 1919) -
Frederick Proctor McRae, born Sept. 28, 1921 in Waukesha, Wisconsin, married Jan. 3, 1942, Bettye Chastain (born February 2, 1924).
Bettye Ann McRae, their daughter, born Nov. 8, 1942.
Frederick Proctor McRae, born Sept. 28, 1921, married on April 26, 1947, Melba Ozburn (born March 19, 1923).
Marilyn Alice McRae, their daughter, born Dec. 6, 1952.

Children of Conrad J. McRae (born June 10, 1884) and Effie Branton McRae (married Feb. 25, 1912) -
Fred Conrad McRae, born Oct. 7, 1914, married Mary Robinson (b. Feb. 25, 1916) Their children -
Freddie McRae, born Sept. 30, 1942.
Margaret McRae, born Jan. 31, 1950.

Effie Louise McRae, daughter of Conrad J. and Effie Branton McRae, born June 10, 1916, married July 30, 1938, Ralph Code, Jr. (born April 27, 1914).
Ralph J. Code, III, their son, was born June 5, 1945.
Effie Branton McRae died Jan. 27, 1919.

Conrad J. McRae married Dec. 3, 1919, Maude Burkett (born Dec. 2, 1896).
Their children -
John Burkett McRae, born Sept. 5, 1920.
Richard Guy McRae, born April 15, 1922.
Marjorie Bass McRae, born Jan. 29, 1928.
Barbara Proctor McRae, born Nov. 10, 1931.

John Burkett McRae married Nov. 12, 1944, Dorothy Allen. Their children -
Dorothy Sharon McRae, born Oct. 18, 1949.
Carol Sue McRae, born Dec. 22, 1953.
Richard Guy McRae married Oct. 27, 1949, Mariana Ros. Their children -
Patrick Glenn McRae, born Apr. 20, 1953.
Jacquelyn Ann McRae, born Sept. 4, 1950.
Gerald William McRae, born Jan. 5, 1957.
Marjorie Bass McRae married Feb. 25, 1949, Charles R. Riser. Their Children -
Charlotte Riser, born Oct. 20, 1952.
George Conrad Riser, born Nov. 20, 1953.
Martha Riser, born April 27, 1955.
John Benjamin Riser, born June 12, 1956.
Barbara Proctor McRae married June 12, 1953, Lewis Carson Hopper. Children -
Richard McRae Hopper, born Nov. 11, 1954.
David Carson Hopper, born June 20, 1957.

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James Whitfield McRae (Jim), son of Richard Duncan and Fannie Proctor McRae, married Jan. 6, 1935, Linda Atkins.
James Duncan McRae, their son, born June 25, 1938.

Edward Jack McRae (Ed), son of Richard Duncan and Fannie Proctor McRae, married Myrtis Sevell.
Jack A. McRae, their son, born Sept. 1, 1937.

FANNIE PROCTOR McRAE BIBLE

Original owner - Fannie Proctor McRae
Address - Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi
Present owner - Maggie Belle McRae Simmons (Mrs. Hubert Franklin)
Address - Brandon, Mississippi

Name of publisher of Bible - A. J. Holman
Address - Philadelphia
Date published - not given.

Copied from the original Bible & submitted by - Mary J. Berry
Address - 3918 North State Street, Jackson 6, Mississippi
Date copied - March 14, 1958

Note: Fannie Proctor McRae, wife of Richard Duncan McRae and daughter of Samuel J. and Louisa Blanchard Moore Proctor, was a great granddaughter of the Revolutionary soldier, General Peter Dauge and his 2nd wife, Margaret (Peggy) Sawyer Dauge.

Peter Dauge served as Lieut. Colonel of the 10th Regiment, North Carolina troops. Sheppard was Colonel of the regiment. Ref: N. C. Colonial Records, Volume 12, p. 132.

On Sept. 25, 1777, the 10th N. C. Regiment joined Washington in Virginia. Ref: N. C. Colonial Records, Volume 11, pp 551, 571, 580, 680 and 681.

A grant of land was given Peter Dauge in consideration of his signal bravery and persevering zeal in the Revolution. Ref: Office of Secretary of State, North Carolina, Land Grant #2397, Jan. 4, 1798, Book F, pp 253-254.

-- Maggie Belle McRae Simmons

For copy of Peter Dauge's Bible record see Mississippi Genealogical Society's "Cemetery and Bible Records," Volume IV, pp 1-3; also, Elizabeth Mary McRae's Bible, this Volume; and Richard Duncan McRae Bible, this Volume, pp. 1-5.

Presented to Mama by Maggie McRae, March 9, 1919.

This is to Certify that Richard D. McRae of Brandon, Miss. and Fannie Proctor, of Brandon, Miss., Born Aug. 14, 1844, were united by me in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony at Brandon on the 21st day of Feb. in the year of our Lord 1867.

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Born Dec. 31, 1849. - Signed Dr. Harris. - In the presence of Relatives and Friends.

MARRIAGES

Louise McRae & C. R. Lovutt Oct. 1903, Calvert, Texas.
S. P. McRae & Rowena Green Sept. 14, 1912, Jackson, Miss.
C. J. McRae & Effie Branton April 1912, Columbia, Miss.
Fred M. McRae & Vinette Mishlen, Chi., Ill.
H. F. Simmons & Margaret McRae were married May 24, 1924, Duncan, Miss.

BIRTHS

Duncan McRae, 1871
Louise McRae, 1868
Sam Proctor McRae, 1874.
Robert Lee McRae, 1877.
Richard D. McRae, 1880.
Fred & Conrad McRae, 1884.
James Whitfield McRae, 1887.
Maggie McRae, 1890.
Edward Jack McRae, 1892.
Cap McRae, 1894.

Samuel J. Proctor was born December 29, 1819, in Camden County, North Carolina.

DEATHS

Duncan McRae, Jan. 8, 1895, Brandon, Miss.
Louise McRae Lovitt, 1917, Sep. 12, Los Angeles, Calif.
Effie Branton McRae, Jan. 27, 1919, Bassfield, Miss.
R. D. McRae, Nov. 4th, 1922, Brandon, Miss.
Fannie Proctor McRae, June 16, 1934, Brandon, Miss.
Margaret Francis McRae, June 25, 1937, Duncan.
Samuel Proctor McRae, July 1, 1957, in Jackson, Miss.

GEORGE W. WELLS BIBLE

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collected from the hard earnings of the people of this State. They will not elect representatives who will impose it, or tax gatherers who will collect it."

Various legal arguments were made in support of repudiation, and popular pleas intended to justify the act. One was that the real seal of the State was not affixed to the Union bank bonds, which was specially made for the occasion. But the repudiation, once begun, extended to the Planters' bank bonds, against which there was no genuine objection. The fact was, the people had been victimized by their statesmen and financiers; the bonds had been sold to speculators who, if not exactly receivers of stolen goods, were expectant beneficiaries of an abuse of public trust, and, under the circumstances, the people of Mississippi, after yielding up enormous profits to the combination for a term of years, decided they could not afford to be bled any longer. There can be no manner of doubt that some sort of settlement would have been infinitely better than the course pursued. But so it was done—the pledge of the State was totally repudiated.

To carry out his part of the work Gov. McNutt passed upon the constitutionality of laws. The constitution of 1832 authorized the legislature to regulate the manner in which suits might be brought against the State, and the legislature of 1838 passed an act authorizing suits on claims in the superior court of chancery. Several suits for large amounts were pending in that court in 1841 and there was a probability of suits on the bonds of the Planters and Union banks. The governor gave notice that the act, in requiring him to issue warrants on the treasury to pay judgments, was unconstitutional, because it was provided that no money should be paid from the treasury except by appropriation by the legislature. (Message of 1842.)

The State campaign of 1841 was upon the question of honoring the faith pledge of the bonds. The Whigs proposed to do so, and nominated Judge David O. Shattuck for governor. The Democrats nominated Hanson Alsbury and, upon his removal from the State, Tilghman M. Tucker. The vote was Tucker, 19,059; Shattuck, 16,773.

In his last message, January, 1842, Gov. McNutt made a statement of the condition of the State government. The legislature had been meeting twice as often as the constitution provided, and "the expenses attendant thereon had impoverished the State treasury." The published acts of 1841 contained contradictory laws, which had created great confusion. The State officers, auditor, treasurer and secretary of state, were in the habit of absenting themselves from the capital for long periods, leaving their business in the hands of irresponsible clerks. "Under such circumstances the public business is often neglected, and the funds of the State endangered." Auditor Mallory was indebted to the State in the sum of \$54,000. "Suit has been pending on his bond for near three years. Assistant counsel have been employed by the State, but no judgment has been recovered. In the meantime his

sureties have become insolvent, and the whole debt may be considered lost." The State laws were such that "the public offices may be closed, the funds wasted and embezzled, and no power can remove the culprit until regularly impeached."

For nearly two years the treasurer had been unable to cash the warrants of the auditor, and to that extent he had ceased to be a check upon the auditor. "Many thousand dollars are annually lost to the State by delays and failures in the prosecution of suits against defaulters" among the tax collectors.

"This State, by its connection with banks, has lost the following sums, to wit: In notes of the Brandon and Grenada banks, \$238,102; Natchez Railroad company, \$63,030; Mississippi Union bank, \$1,832; Hernando Railroad company, \$20; Corporation of the City of Jackson, \$3; total, \$302,988. The taxpayers paid said sums in funds nearly equivalent to specie. The losses sustained by the State in the reception of bank paper admonish the legislature of the danger of taking it in payment of the public dues. The banks of this State have sunk about twenty millions of dollars in relieving the financiers—they will receive their last relief in the Bankrupt act."

The great record of McNutt's administration was the creation of the Union bank and a debt of \$5,000,000 and the repudiation thereof, all within four years. Besides this the governor and legislature absolutely threw away the stock in the Planters' bank, which had previously yielded an annual dividend of \$200,000, and destroyed the sinking fund. On the first day of January, 1838, there was in the treasury the sum of \$279,613 in cash. Four years later there was 34 cents in specie, a lot of worthless bank notes, and claims of \$8,000,000 debt pressing for adjustment. "This presents a scene of reckless extravagance and prodigality unequalled in the administration of any free government which has ever existed." (Message of Governor Tilghman, 1843.)

McRae, a postoffice of Wayne county, named for one of the pioneer families of the county.

McRae, John J., was a son of John McRae, who was a merchant at Sneedboro, N. C., until his removal to Winchester, Wayne county, in 1817. There John McRae was prominent as a cotton buyer, and was the first to send barges down the Pascagoula river, loaded with cotton for shipment to New Orleans. He finally established a station and agency at the mouth of the river, whither he removed for his health in 1826. John J. McRae was born in North Carolina, January 10, 1815, and was educated at the Frederick school at Pascagoula, and at Miami university, near Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated before he was 19. He read law with Judge Pray, at Pearlinton, and while there became engaged to a widow, Mrs. McGuire, to whom he was married in 1835. He was occupied for some time, with a brother of President Tyler, in the removal of Indians to the west, and was very active in making the campaign to secure popular support along the line of the proposed Mobile & Ohio railroad. In early manhood he founded the

newspaper, Eastern Clarion, at Paulding. He was the representative of Clarke county in the legislature in 1848 and 1850, and in that time of exciting political combat was one of the popular orators of the State Rights party, led by Quitman and Davis. He was "a bright speaker, gay, humorous and fascinating." He was speaker of the house in 1850, and in the fall of 1851, after Senator Davis had resigned to become a candidate for governor, McRae was appointed by the acting governor, Whitfield, to fill the vacancy until the legislature could elect. He took his seat at the opening of congress in December, and served until March 17, following. The elections went against his party, and though he received his party vote in the legislature, Stephen Adams was elected. McRae was governor, 1854-58. In 1858, upon the death of Gen. Quitman, McRae was elected to succeed him as representative in congress, and was reelected to the next congress, serving until he retired January 12, 1861, upon the secession of the State. He was an ardent supporter of secession, and a representative of Mississippi in the First congress of the Confederate States. After the fall of the Confederacy, suffering under this calamity, financial losses and the death of his wife and mother, his health failed rapidly. His great desire was to meet once more his brother Colin, who had been in Europe several years as financial agent for the Confederacy, and was then at Belize, in British Honduras. He sailed thither from New Orleans in May, 1868, and after a rough voyage was so prostrated that he was barely able to recognize his brother. He died there May 31, 1868, and his brother was buried there beside him in 1876. (Publ. Miss. Hist. Soc., VI, 270.)

McRae Administration. In his inaugural address, January 10, 1854, Gov. McRae took occasion to speak of that "glory and beauty of our institutions, that changes of our rulers take place as quietly as the changes of the seasons. . . . The executive head of the State is changed today, and the masses of the people are scarcely aware of the transition." This sentiment was in marked contrast to the acute personalities of the farewell address of Governor Foote's administration (q. v.). Gov. McRae based his election upon popular belief in certain general principles. "First in importance of these is the nationality of the great doctrine of State Rights, based upon the individuality and sovereignty of the several States, as co-equals in the Confederacy. Upon this depends the perpetuity and safety of the Union. . . . Co-equal rights in the Union, and the right of the States severally to judge for themselves of infractions of the Constitution, as well as of the mode and measure of redress, is the great distinguishing feature of our republican form of government." To this the governor added: "To nationalize this great principle is the work of patriotism; to sectionalize it is to destroy the best hopes of the Republic."

In his plea for education the governor said: "There are but two great ideas worthy of life—God and liberty. They embrace all of value here; all that is important hereafter. But to appreciate these, man must be intelligent; to be intelligent he must be edu-

cated; to be educated, the means must be provided, and this is the duty of the State."

His administration was confronted by financial embarrassment. The new State treasurer, Shields L. Hussey, reported that when he took office in the preceding December, there was very little money in the treasury except what was due to the Trust funds, and he had been able to cash but few of the auditor's warrants since. He suggested that he be permitted to draw on these funds to meet the ordinary expenses. The secretary of state, elected in 1853, was William H. Muse; the auditor, Madison McAfee. Col. David C. Glenn was elected attorney-general to succeed John D. Freeman, who had served since 1841. Muse died January 9, 1855, and A. B. Dilworth was appointed to the vacancy.

To the legislature of 1854 was presented a petition of ladies, married and unmarried, for some action regarding "the alarming evils of intemperance, prevalent to so fearful an extent, not only in the city of Jackson, but also throughout the State of Mississippi." The legislature responded to this and other petitions with an act regulating license and submitting the question of license to the sentiment of the majority of the community in which it was asked to be granted.

The legislature refused to make a legislative apportionment, against which 21 members of the house filed a solemn protest. A smaller number protested against the giving of a cash bonus to the proposed New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern railroad. In 1854 the State had as railroad outlets the Mobile & Ohio road, in operation from Lauderdale Springs to Mobile, and the Memphis & Charleston road through Corinth. The New Orleans road had been laid to the State line.

The Deaf and Dumb institute was opened in August, 1854, through the purchase of the Cleaver Female institute grounds and buildings with funds from the sales of public lands placed to the credit of the State by act of congress, 1841.

Gov. McRae was renominated by his party in the spring of 1855. There was no Whig nomination against him. The "Know Nothing" or American party (q. v.) was at the climax of its sudden and brief career. It promised to be a national party, and there was need of one. It spread with wonderful rapidity North and South. It was the issue in 1855, and the candidate of the new movement, selected, it was said, at a secret meeting at New Orleans, was Charles D. Fontaine, of Pontotoc, a lawyer of high standing. The nomination was admitted by all to be a strong one. Lock E. Houston was one of its candidates for Congress. In some counties the movement was so strong that Democratic nominations went begging. The Whigs went into the movement almost unanimously. That old party had practically ceased to be, with the defeat of Scott.

But McRae was reelected by about the same vote as before—32,666 to 27,579. After this the Democratic party rapidly became

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GAUTIER'S FIRST HISTORICAL MARKER — Descendants of the McRae family (from left) Charlie Shepard, Mrs. Louis Shepard, Cecilia McRae and Mrs. Charles Shepard read the inscription on the historical marker for the McRae

family cemetery which was unveiled Thursday morning. The marker, the first one in the city of Gautier, was placed on Graveline Road.

Gautier's first historical marker honors pioneering McRae family

By MARY LETT

West Jackson County Bureau

GAUTIER — A small crowd gathered Thursday morning to pay tribute to one of Jackson County's pioneering families as Gautier unveiled its first historical marker at the McRae family cemetery.

The burial ground is thought to be the second-oldest cemetery in the city and the homesite of the McRae family. It is also the final resting place of the family patriarch, John McRae, who died in 1835.

McRae's son, John Jr., served as Mississippi governor from 1854-1857 and his other sons, Colin and James, also held political offices.

The McRaes arrived here in 1827 and were among the earliest settlers. They owned extensive property along the Mississippi Sound.

The marker was unveiled in an 11 a.m. ceremony and was placed on Graveline Road for public view; however, the actual cemetery sits several hundred feet off the roadway.

On hand for the unveiling were several McRae descendants — Charlie Shepard and Mrs. Irene (Louis) Shepard, both of Gautier, Cecilia McRae of Pascagoula, Steve McRae and Roland McRae, both of Mobile, and

Mrs. Charles Shepard Davis of South Carolina.

Mayor Charles Keith along with city council members Leonard Fuller, Alton Arrington and Gordon Ellingson were on hand.

Historical Commission members attending included Cindy Harper, Aimee Gautier Dugger, Louis Clifford, Anita Gallagher, James LeBatard, Mary Ellen Belden, John Gautier and Rebecca Williams.

Gautier Utility District commissioner Tom Meek also attended.

Miss Dorothy Gautier was presented a National Historical Preservation award for the Henry Gautier home on Windrift Lane during a reception from 4-6 p.m. Thursday.

The home, which Henry Gautier built in 1870 for his first wife, Adelaide Hull, was available for tour. After her death, Gautier constructed Twelve Oaks for his second wife, Laura Canty.

The historical commission presented Francis Clifford with the first personal Historical Preservation Award for preserving land records and other historical information.

Clifford, a Jackson County native, was a Jackson County surveyor for many years and has land records and information dating back to the 1800s.

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timber agent. He reports that there is comparatively no depredations now being committed upon the public domain.

—Last Saturday while Mr. Phil Howell was driving a double team along on the Sarracena road above Moss Point, his horses became frightened and ran away. Mr. Howell was thrown out and badly bruised about the head, and shoulders.

—Rev. Thos. Price will preach in the Methodist church at this place next Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. He will also preach at the Seashore at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

—Mr. M. A. Dees arrived last Friday morning from Connecticut and the Northeast, where he has been several months engaged in working up his patent traction increaser. He seems to be in hopes of the success of his invention.

—We are under obligations to our good-looking friend Mr. Gus Raby, for favors extended in a substantial manner. We would advise our readers to call in at Delmas & Poitevin's and see Gus, who will take pleasure in selling them all sorts of dry goods and groceries at low prices, and we are sure his amiable manner will induce persons to buy.

—Last Saturday morning passenger train No. 3, on this road made the run from Mobile to New Orleans, a distance of 141 miles, in three hours and ten minutes, and made twelve stops between the two cities. Conductor E. C. Braden was in charge of the train, with engineer P. McPherson in the cab. Big 11 was the engine that did the work. This was the first fast travel

since Capt. Smith, of Mobile, is lying at the yard waiting to be hauled out.

The best quality of powder for breech-loading shot-guns, pink-slag wads, and gun accoutrements generally, at Thompson's.

New Louisiana syrup and sugars just received at DELMAS & POITEVIN'S.

Try that Sparkling Spray Gloss Starch at Girard & Laureudine's, at only 5 cents a pound.

If you wish to buy oats, corn, bran, cottonseed meal and other feed at lowest market rates, call at CAREY'S.

Fire on the McRae Place.

Last Saturday at 12 o'clock m., the old residence on the McRae place on the West Side, caught fire and burned to the ground.

The house was situated about a mile up the bay from Col. A. E. Lewis, residence, and between that and Mr. Henry Gautier's and at the time was occupied by Mr. Barnes, who is cultivating part of the land. When the fire occurred Mr. Barnes was absent, but his family were at home, and the first Mrs. Barnes knew of the fire the rent was ablaze. It is supposed the building caught from sparks from the chimney.

Circuit court convened last Monday, and during the week the large retail grocery and dry goods house of M. V. B. Carey has been selling a great many goods, from the fact that everything is sold at the lowest cash prices.

John F. Krebs has moved into the store with A. E. Peterman, at Moss Point, and has just opened a new and complete stock of dry goods, notions, shoes, etc., which he proposes to sell as cheaply as any house in the county.

Currents, cables, and other goods just received at Girard & Laureudine's this week.

Latest and best shoes, boots, call...

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RAMSAY—RE OF ON Springs, Nov. 21. The bride's father, Rev. O. D. Brown, the may not Miss Annie L. Jackson's company.

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Just one hundred years ago the Mississippi Gulf Coast town we know today as Gautier was called West Pascagoula. One of its most prominent families was that of John McRae, a successful merchant and trader who had put into operation the first barges on the Pascagoula for shipping inland cotton to New Orleans. John McRae had settled on the Singing River for his health, had built the beautiful colonial home in its west bank that was the gathering place during his lifetime for the McRae Clan -- and it was his son, John J. McRae, who had gone on to succeed in politics and was then governor of Mississippi (1854-1858).

The historic old McRae homestead at Gautier (West Pascagoula), where the Governor relaxed and rested from gubernatorial duties, has long since been destroyed and the male line perpetuating the McRae name has died out on the Coast. However, the property that was the site of the McRae homestead at Gautier is still in the hands of Governor McRae's great grand-nieces still living in Pascagoula, and also in their possession have been lovingly preserved the memory and mementos of Governor McRae. It was through their kindly cooperation that "KNOW YOUR COAST" is able to present this what might be called a "Centennial Column" to this able Mississippi Governor that emerged from Gautier.

The McRaes were Highland Scots that originally came over to the Carolinas with the historic Flora McDonald who had saved the life of Bonnie Prince Charles. But when young John, the future Governor of Mississippi was two years old the McRae family moved to Mississippi.

At 19 John J. had graduated from Miami University in Ohio and returned home to Pascagoula where he began to build houses and lay out a subdivision with that famous Pascagoula pioneer, Louis Frederick de St. Ferol, who is said to have owned practically all the land that is now Pascagoula, and whose celebrated school John had attended before going to college.

When he was 20 years old he began studying law with the eminent Judge P. R.R. Pray of Pearllington, who was then writing the Code of Mississippi. At Pearllington promptly fell in love with a Mrs. McGuire, a comely widow 12 years older than himself, and just as promptly married her. In spite of the shaking heads over the difference in ages, the union was a long and happy one.

It was young attorney John J. McRae who read Judge Pray's new Code before the Mississippi Legislature - following which he was appointed by the brother of President Tyler to the responsible job of administering the moving of the Indians from Mississippi to Indian Territory.

On his return from this successful mission, he was rewarded by being elected to the State Legislature where he was made Speaker of the House. This was followed by his election to Congress, and then by his appointment to take the place of his friend Jefferson Davis in the U.S. Senate when the future President of the Confederacy resigned in 1851 to become candidate for the governorship of Mississippi.

Three years later in 1854, John J. McRae, powerful and popular orator of State's Rights Democracy, was himself elected Governor of Mississippi -- and it is said his administration began Mississippi's railroads era. John J. McRae belligerently

*Cemetery in Sandalwood
chain link fence - cleared - small
Boxes & white benches there*

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believed in the future of the railroads and championed the right of the state to be a railroad stockholder. He was instrumental in getting the Mobile & Ohio Railroad built; traveling the proposed route all the way from Mobile to Cairo giving speeches. During his administration, the first train of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern (now part of the I.C.) arrived at Jackson.

Although he opposed secession in the U.S. Senate after his term as Governor of Mississippi, he resigned to go along with his state and was immediately elected to the Confederate Senate where he served until the South surrendered.

After the War business misfortunes gradually broke his heart and his health and in 1868 when he took a trip to British Honduras to visit his brother Colin J. McRae, who had been the financial agent in Europe for the Confederacy during the War; he had to be carried in a litter from the boat and barely greeted his brother before he died, only 53 years old.

He was buried at Belize in British Honduras and his body still rests there -- one of the six Mississippi governors whose graves are outside the State.

There is an interesting sidelight to this phase of this story. When a bill was passed in the Mississippi Legislature to return the body of War Governor Pettus to Mississippi from its resting place in Arkansas, Governor Bilbo vetoed the bill because no provision had been made to also return Governor McRae from Latin America

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THE McRAE HISTORY

It seems that the early history of the McRae family is so similar to that of the (Mc) Keaheys that it would be a waste of space to repeat it. The only difference is that they have kept the Mc to their name as well as the deep devotion to the Presbyterian Church which is a heritage of their Scotch forefathers. They came from Scotland to North Carolina about the same time as the Keaheys and in all probability to Wayne County in the caravan of the same year.

This particular family of McRaes whose many descendants are the largest of the members in the Philadelphus Church today and many more scattered thither and yon is the family this history concerns, namely Daniel and Margaret McRae. They came from Sneedsboro, N. C. with their large family of six boys and four girls: Daniel, Farquahard, Colon, John, Alexander, Murdoc, Catherine, Flora, Elizabeth and Nancy. A trace of the McRae history by Miss Burdette Taylor of Texas, and a descendant of this family found that the Sneedsboro court house was burned during the Civil War and all records of dates, names and the places from which they came were destroyed. There is a McRae Association in Scotland and any one with McRae blood can obtain membership by writing. According to Scotch history, the McRae clan was small in number, but was said to be one of the three fiercest and bravest clans in Scotland. They settled in the Eastern part of the County near Bucatunna Creek at the same site that is known today as the John J. McRae place, although it is not the same house as then. Their children all married and settled nearby, raising large families of their own, except Flora who never married. The boys built their homes in a circle around their father and almost in calling distance; Alexander on the south, John and Colon on the north, Murdock on the west, Farquahard and Daniel on the east. Signs of these old home sites are still to be found.

Only recently the Alexander McRae place, built of logs and known to the younger generation as "the Aunt Annie and Aunt Cornelia" place, has been demolished when a part of a large evergreen oak on the east fell and crushed the house. (The Boy Scouts have been given permission to salvage the best of the logs to build a club house for them in their work.) An interesting land mark at this old home is an aged and gnarled mulberry tree that has been there more than one hundred years and still bearing fruit. It was a riding switch of a relative aunt who rode horse back from another county for a visit. The switch was stuck out, took roots and grew to bear enough mulberries to feed a multitude of people. Every one who ever visited this old home remembers that old mulberry tree and its luscious fruit.

The Murdock McRae place can be better described as the old "Margaret Ann and Mary McRae place" which is now the home site of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Graham, and was torn away by them only a year or more ago, when they built a new home on the site. Most of Murdock's children settled near him and many of his grandchildren and great grandchildren are there today.

The John McRae place can be found near Alexander Creek and is better known as the old "Sid Bishop Place." The old house has fallen down but a smoke house on the place was so well built that the roof has not a single leak. The Colon McRae place was just a short distance from John's house, and both were parents of four children each—all girls.

So many of our older people today remember Aunt Rachael, who was the wife of Farquahard McRae and they were the parents of a large family of ten children, but Farquahard died when his youngest child was very small, but his wife lived to a ripe old age. They settled and built their home on the east side of Bucatunna Creek on a slope filled with many beautiful oak trees overlooking a small stream of water known as the Walker Mill Branch. This old place is better known as the old Pleas McIlwain place, and today as the Garner place.

Catherine McRae married Ebbie Britton and this old place is known today as the Fate Britton place, who is a son of one of their seven children. Elizabeth McRae married David Britton, a brother of Ebbie and their home was just across the road from what is known as the Misses Emma and Johnnie Britton place who are their grandchildren. Nancy McRae married John Hugh Taylor and they settled further east of Bucatunna Creek and in the hills north of Turkey Creek.

When we think of Daniel and Margaret McRae and their descendants we think of many people, young and old, living and dead, in as many as seven generations, with three of the generations lying at rest in the present cemetery. A genealogy to the third generation given here might help many of their descendants to complete their family Bible registers and in the years to come their children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren can trace themselves through this record to their Scotch ancestry.

The Children of Daniel and Margaret McRae

Daniel, Farquahard, Colon, John, Alexander, Murdock, Catherine, Flora, Elizabeth and Nancy.

Daniel married Kate (unknown)—One child, Marion (Britton).

Farquahard married Rachael Britton—Children: Mary Ann, Colon, Edwin, Jeems, Daniel, Murdock, John, (Big), Margaret, Sallie, Katie (Gilbert).

Colon married Flora Ann Moody—Children: Margaret (Sigler), Mary Ann (Norsworthy), Catherine (Jones), and Helena.

John married Peggy McLaughlin—Children: Emmie, Ann, Martha (Grayson), Sarah Margaret (Bishop).

Alexander married Ann Taylor—Children: Noel, Mack and Franklin, Ellen (Sommers), Augusta (Horn), Flora (Tucker), Elizabeth (Dyess), Annie and Cornelia.

Murdock married Naomi Taylor—Children: Alex, Colon, Walter, Benjamin, Peter, Willie, Margaret Ann and Mary.

Catherine married Ebbie Britton—Children: Olivia, Jane, Flora, Betsey, Margaret, Frank and Daniel.

Elizabeth married David Britton—Children: Daniel, Sarah, Catherine, Flora, Rachael, Nancy, Jennie, John and Margaret (Walker).

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Nancy married John Taylor—Children: John, Archie, Harvey, Daniel, Needham and Maggie (Mathews).
Flora—unmarried.

THE BRITTON HISTORY

John Britton and his wife, Rachael Blayloc, were of Welch and English ancestry, but nothing definite is known of their people of the old country. They came with their six children, Ebbie, Jackie, David, Frank, Rachael and Margaret to Mississippi from South Carolina in 1817. They had two other children, Daniel, who stopped in Georgia, and Sallie, who married a man by name of Stapleton in Baldwin County enroute here. All the way from South Carolina these people had lots of trouble with the Indians because they were opposed to the white people coming to this country. There were good fords across the creeks and rivers but the Indians had built bridges and made the white people cross on them and pay a big toll for crossing.

When they arrived in Mississippi, the Brittons settled east of Bucatunna Creek near what is now known as Cedar Bridge in the eastern part of Wayne County. Farming and cattle raising were their chief means of making a living and hunting and fishing was a profitable sport for the men as there was an abundance of fish and game in that day. Also, Rachael Britton and the other women of that time raised large herds of turkeys, and in the fall when the cotton was gathered it was carried to Mobile, the nearest town, in ox wagons to be sold along with the cattle and turkeys. These trips were slow and took many days to make them there and back but the wagons returned loaded with food, clothing and household goods.

John Britton operated a ferry across Bucatunna Creek near his home since there was no bridge. He made good money and the ferry was a great benefit to the many people passing that way, especially to those who were moving, and at that time people were still coming in large caravans to this part of the country. Many times as they put passengers across at night they captured lots of trout and other fish which were blinded by their lights and jumped onto the flats while crossing.

The people of this community joined with the Brittons in organizing a union Camp Meeting which was known as The Britton Camp Ground and people for miles around attended these meetings to hear the singing since the Brittons were noted for their good singing. Many of their preachers came from South Carolina but their denomination at that time is not known. In later years when the Philadelphus Presbyterian Church was moved near them they disbanded and most of the people were drawn into the Presbyterian fold.

John Britton and his wife were both buried in the grave yard close by the Britton Camp Ground as were many of the other people; among them the Hands and the Horns. It is hard to find any trace of the grave yard now as the place is in cultivation and only a few know of its exact location.

Many families in large numbers have descended from this family and today there are still many Brittons in this old settlement and many more have moved to other parts. The cemetery map gives forth evidence that the Britton name has been more numerous in the past than at present.

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND RACHAEL BRITTON

Daniel, Ebbie, Jackie, David, Frank, Rachael, Sallie, and Margaret.
Daniel married in Georgia—name unknown.

Ebbie married Catherine McRae—Children: Daniel, Frank, Jim, David, Jane, Margaret, Betsy, Flora and Olevia.

Jackie married Phoebe Conklin—Children: William, Thomas and Betsy.

David married Elizabeth McRae—Children: Margaret, Rachael, Nancy, Daniel, Flora, Catherine, Jennie, John and Sarah.

Frank married Lydia Smith—Children: John, Jim, Erasmus, Asbury, Milton, Sallie (McIlwain), Cynthia, (Britton), Malissa (McRae), Mary Ann (Tucker) and Rachael.

Rachael married Farquahard McRae—Children: John, James, Daniel, Murdock, Edwin, David, Colon, Sallie, Margaret, Mary Ann, and Katie (Gilbert).

Margaret married Alex McRae—Children: Charles, Farquahard Duncan, John, David, Daniel, Rachael and Isabel.

Sallie married John Stapleton—Children: Caroline, Rachael and Job.

THE TAYLOR HISTORY

These family records would not be complete without the Taylor history, although little is known to us. Malcolm Taylor and his wife, Margaret, were among the first settlers here and they too were from the "bonnie shores" of Scotland and Ireland and were a branch of the Clan Camerons. They were a small group and were under the Cameron protection. Malcolm Taylor was a Mason in Scotland and his membership was transferred to the United States when he came here. The number and names of their children are not known, except John, Ann Naomi, Margaret, Benjamin and Needham. John married Nancy McRae and their children were: John, Archie, Harvey, Daniel, Needham and Maggie (Mathews). Ann married Alexander McRae and their children were: Franklin, Elizabeth (Dyess), Flora (Tucker), Augusta (Horn), Ellen (Sommers), Annie, Cornelia, Mack and Noel. Naomi married Murdock McRae and their children were: Alex, Colon, Walter, Benjamin, Peter, Willie, Margaret Ann and Mary. Benjamin died as a small boy, and Needham as a young man.

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is was going to find
what it was - it was
a fish. This young man came down here and said
he knew it was a fish and was going to take his cast net and catch it.
He got this here, tell ~~me~~ ^{him} who was a character here, one of the old
tribe down here. He said "I took Mr. ~~Down~~ ^{Sonny} out - he told me he wanted me
to row him out so he could find out what that mysterious music was. He
went out a little way and after we had been gone a little while it started
up, Mr. Sonny went to throw the net and it caught on his button and threw
him overboard." He said, "It liked to have wrecked my boat too" and Mr.
Sonny said, "Arthur, Arthur get me to hell out of here"

It's a wonderful place to be and we've tried to keep it like it is
though, of course, we've done a good deal to it on our part of it. Mother
never would divide it. She was the last of the McRae heirs and she said,
"I won't do it, you all can do it after I'm dead because I can't do it
so it will be satisfactory to everybody." and after she died we divided it
the western
part went to some of the other heirs, we got the center part and the
east end went to other heirs who sold out as fast as they could. But after
my wife died I told my son "We've had this place 135 years I want to
keep it for the family for another 135 years" He's been very, very suc-
cessful in business and made quite a reputation, quite a record and a whole
lot of money, so I said "If you would be interested, I'll inherit some
and I'll donate what I inherit and we'll keep it for your children and my
children and the grandchildren so we'll all have a place to come to and get
together and know each other and know something about what the family was."
and that's what we've done with it and he keeps it going. Sister let the
second place down here go to a nephew to divide in lots and everybody got
a lot out of it and the two sisters got two lots down below here and one
died and the other one left it to one of the nephews. It didn't get hot in
his hands before he sold it ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxxx} for 15,000 dollars to two ladies from ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxxx}. Dorcas
had to buy it back for 35,000. He had a cousin up here who inherited some,
and we've got that tree farm on the back, we have 650 acres in that and about
50 acres on the front - we've got about 700 acres left. We wanted to

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The story about the Ghost Tree is a joke - my sister, ~~she had~~
~~the old place down here~~ - for some years when they had the old place down
here, had a camp in the summer for children and she called this the haunted
oak - It's right here - a great big, enormous oak but only half of it left.
the storm had blown half of it away but it's still half as big as this
room but my sister told the story to the children to attract them and that
how the Ghost Tree story got started. She told them another story - that
this is where the Pascagoula Indians lived and we know that is so but where
they buried ~~them~~ we don't know - we've never found a burial mound or all
the place. When we were children you couldn't get the darkies from the
Station to stay down here after dark ~~the old place down here~~ but when they came
to dig a fence hole or a post hole or whatever it was they always wanted
to know if they found any gold could they have half of it. He told them
~~yes~~ yes but they never found it. Kxxxxxxx To get back to the story: ~~the~~

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sister told them the story, and there may be some truth to it, that the Biloxi Indians came down here and overpowered the Pascagoula Indians and there was a girl over here that had married one of the Biloxi braves and they didn't like it so they came over and annihilated them. She told them that that's where they got married under that oak tree and that made it the Haunted Oak. ^{The old story goes that} When the Biloxis came the Pascagoula Indians marched overboard and drowned themselves rather than be captured - brought on by the girl marrying the Biloxi brave. They figured that that's where the mysterious music comes from and it is the most remarkable thing you ever heard of. Mr. Henry Gautier and all those people used to come here and hear the mysterious music. They would come down here at night and take us out on the boat to hear the mysterious music - well you couldn't tell when you would hear it, nobody knew, sometimes you would hear it and sometimes you wouldn't. The only other place I ever heard of was the bayou over by Pascagoula. Our father told us that that he heard it there. - they used to have to go by sailboat to catch the train back to Mobile on Sunday and he heard it there one night. but they never heard it in the River or in the river - it was down in here - people came down here to hear it and it was the most marvelous thing you ever saw. My mother's aunt, who used to be with us when we were children said she had heard it sometimes when ^{on that pier} it was so loud/that it would shake the posts. Occasionally she could hear it up at the house very occasionally. Once, when Mrs. Shepard and myself were first married we were down here and she waked me up in the night and she said "I hear a lot of bees buzzing around me" and I said "You don't any such thing - that's the mysterious music - it sounds like a lot of bees buzzing. It's not particularly pretty - it sounds peculiar. I left the ^{place} here one night xxxxxx on a sailboat that we had - Mr. Gautier said that the old gentleman, the father of all these people, designed it for this particular country. I went with a young friend to the old Gautier place to get some girls to go sailing. They were New Orleans girls and they were new and the boy had been telling them about the mysterious music

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up the back and I had inherited ~~part~~ and she had a place on the back that she offered to sell me once for \$3,00 so I took her up on it. Then I got a wacky note from her saying that I was trying to take advantage of her and that she had had an offer for much more than I offered her. I told her that I wasn't any such thing and that if she felt that way about it I would give up my option on the land let her have it back. In a little while she came back and said that that didn't pan out and she would sell it to me at the original price, \$3,00. I said, "No, I won't buy it. I don't want to do any business with anybody who acts like that." My son wanted to buy it and she said she wouldn't sell it ~~until~~ unless he took 20 acres on the front with it. Do you know what he had to pay for it? \$56,000! We're are trying to We're trying to keep here what we can keep together. - _____ was the place next door and she's had an awful time. Our aunts left it to the three sisters and they didn't settle it settled until just the other day. She wanted it for a home and wants to stay here. Her mother had a home just belouthere that she had when her dad and mother were living. Now she has it and we're so happy that she had. We're try to keep an understanding with all of them that if they sell anything they will offer it to us first and see if we can take it. We want to keep it that way. They've been here since I was a boy- See these weeds back here/- I see them every spring and tell them "Howdy-do" We want it like nature made it. This end of the place doesn't have quite as many big oaks as the other but it is the most wonderful place for varied growth I ever saw. It has water oaks, liveoaks, all kinds of gum trees- black gum, red gum, yellow gum - all kinds, cedars, sassafras trees that are huge, we used to get bushes of sassafras but these are trees. There are elm trees that make wonderful jelly, all you do is pick up the plums when they fall on the ground it's the most wonderful place I ever saw. I found a plant here a long many year's ago/and this that had little black berries like blackberries on it / / / / child's mother said to me "Horace I want you to try this jelly", I said to her, "What is made out of?" She said, "Berries off of that thing"

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the subscriber's house Magazine street, on Wednesday last.
may 3 P. E. D. LIVAUDAIS.



A SUMMER RETREAT.
The undersigned would inform his friends and
the public that his House, at Pascagoula Bay, is
now ready for the reception of company. This
delightful situation, which for health and plea-
santness, is second to none in the United States, is situated
on an elevated bluff, on the west bank of the Bay, at the
confluence of the bay with the Gulf of Mexico, command-
ing an extensive view of the sea and bay; it is blown upon
by the sea breeze from almost every direction.—Fish and
Oysters plenty,—two bathing houses are attached to the es-
tablishment, and good spring water. Distance from New
Orleans ninety miles, from Mobile fifty, and can be reached
by boats carrying the mail between those places, as well as
by the steamboat Marietta, capt Rhodes, who will touch
twice a week during the summer months. The bar will be
supplied with good liquors, and is detached from the resi-
dence a short distance. His bed chambers are lofty and
well ventilated. Pains will be taken to give general satis-
faction and comfort to those who may visit his house.
Boarding and lodging, per month,..... \$30 00
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Children and servants half price.
may 8 JOHN M'RAE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—Parish court for the
parish and city of New-Orleans.—Present the honora-
ble Charles Maurian, Judge, May 7th, 1833. Jean Bertas
vs. his creditors. (Petition of a respite for 2, 16, 37 and 55
months.) [No. 6839.]—Upon filing a supplemental petition
in this case, let a meeting of the insolvent's creditors take
place before the District Court.

NOTICE.—The subscribers beg leave to in-
form the public that they have opened an establishment
for a factory and distillery; having taken a partner ex-
perienced in this line, he assures all persons who en-
trust him with their confidence, that their orders will be
promptly attended to. Their establishment is on Levee
between Esplanade and Levee, near the rail road
subscribers will continue as formerly, the collection
of which may be trusted to them. Also, the brot
property and merchandize.
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LOUIS FERRIOT.
DOMESTIC SHEETINGS.—75 bales 4-
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TO MEXICAN MERCHANTS.—A you-
thful man who is well acquainted with busi-
ness, would like to make an engagement to go to
or some neighboring city; his object is to establish
permanently in that country. Reference will be
made to his moral character and attention to business. The in-
forming exertions will be used for the benefit of his-
ers. A line left at Everett's office, No. 10, St. Louis
will meet prompt attention.
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TEN DOLLARS REWARD, to whose
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under the penalties provided by law.
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New Orleans BEE, WEDNESDAY,
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The following officers were installed by Past Grand Master, Dr. J. K. McLeod and Acting Grand Marshal Mr. Geo. W. O'Neil: C. Neilson, W. M.; H. Jacobs, S. W.; L. E. Tugend, J. W.; W. G. Parker, Secretary; C. H. Ailey, Treasurer; J. S. Potts, S. D.; N. W. Alley, J. D.; M. C. Pankey, S. & T.

Death of Col. James B. McRae.

In the death of Col. James B. McRae, Jackson county is called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens. Belonging to a family whose members, without exception, have always been noted for their intellectual attainments and social prominence, the subject of this notice possessed in an eminent degree the abilities which characterized his race. Generously endowed by nature with exceptional power of mind, which a brilliant collegiate course at Princeton, New Jersey, had cultivated and developed, he was a man of extraordinary attainments and fitted to adorn any station in life.

A polished and courteous gentleman, an astute but upright politician, a graceful and fluent speaker, a charming conversationalist, a loyal friend, a sincere patriot—devotedly attached to the people among whom he lived, and whose interests he was ever ready to serve, even at the expense of his own; conscious of his own superiority, but careful that others should not feel it; a brave soldier, who carried with unsullied hands the ill-fated but glorious banner of the Confederacy from the beginning to the end, but who accepted defeat without bitterness; a staunch and loyal American when the war was over, jealous of the nation's honor; an uncompromising Democrat, yet most tolerant in politics; tenacious of his opinions, the result of careful study, but with respect for those of opposite views; his aim was high, but with no ignoble methods to attain success; imperious in spirit, but submissive to the dictates of honor and duty—such a man was James B. McRae. And it to those who knew him least his life may seem a failure, those who knew him best and mourn him most, remember him as one who might have attained honor and wealth, but his nature forbade him "To crook the pregnant hinges of the knee That thrift might follow fawning."

E. H.
West Pascagoula, Miss., December, 1896.

MARRIED.

In Scranton, on Dec. 25th, 1896, at 6 o'clock p. m., in the priest's parlor, by Rev. Father Baur, Miss LAURA M. DELMAS and Capt. WM. HERNZ, both of Scranton.

The bride, a scion of one of our oldest families, was escorted to the altar by Mr. A. G. Delmas, her cousin. Only a few of the immediate family visited the nuptials, but later a few friends of the contracting parties wended their way to the home of Miss A. Delmas where congratulations were offered the happy pair and dainty refreshments served.

The groom, who is employed on the snagboat Pascagoula, returned to his post of duty on Monday, and the bride is comfortably domiciled with the family of Mr. M. C. Pankey.

E. P.
At the residence of the bride's father, Moss Point, Miss., December 23, 1896, Rev. D. O. Byers officiating. Mr. JEROME TUCKER, of Ponchatoula, La., officiating.

The petitioners...
\$2 for each regular meeting.
M. P. Fearr, made application to have his assessment on realty reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500, which was laid over to an adjourned meeting.
Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 12th inst., at 2 p. m.
W. W. FARNSWORTH, Mayor.
G. A. STEMPLE, Clerk.

Vandave Youth's Hunting Club.

Editor Democrat Star.
On the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1896, at the hospitable home of Mr. S. G. Ramsay, the annual ball supper of the Vandave Youth's Hunting Club was given. To say the affair was a grand success would but mildly express the term.

The club is noted for the unique manner in which it gets up these entertainments every year; but, the one in question far surpasses any given heretofore. Several weeks prior to the date fixed for supper invitations were issued by the club to their friends and acquaintances. Long before dark on Wednesday evening the crowd began to assemble at the Ramsay mansion, and by 8 o'clock the beautifully decorated parlors and spacious halls presented a scene of indescribable merriment. Not only was the crowd composed of youth and beauty, but elderly people were largely among the number. While all kinds of innocent games were in progress in the parlor the culinary department was not neglected, for a peep in that department showed that the "inner man" would not be neglected. Promptly at 9 o'clock supper was announced, and gay couples began to march toward the large and artistically decorated dining room. The long dining table fairly groaned under its load of dainties. It was far in the "small hours" ere all the merry crowd had visited the dining room.

We would make special mention of Mr. Norman Ramsay, president of the club and his charming sister, Miss Dora, whose chief delight seemed to be in seeing that everybody present had a good time.

All kinds of amusing games were indulged in until a late hour when the highly honored guests dispersed, feeling under many obligations to the V. Y. H. C. for a most pleasant evening.

The V. Y. H. C. is composed of a score or more of Vandave's expert marksmen, and "it goes without saying" that their friends highly appreciate these entertainments.

Among some of the visitors we noticed Mr. Abe Davis, wife and son Walter, of Bay St. Louis; Mr. Eugene Davis, of New Orleans; Miss Lou Ellis, of Pensacola; Miss Daisy Saucier Messrs. Havens and Martin, of West Pascagoula; Miss McClure, of Ocean Springs, and Mr. Chas. Richter, of Mount Auburn.

There were many other distinguished visitors present. At least five-score of invited guests were present. Long may the V. Y. H. C. live and progress.

A GUEST.
Fort Rayon, Miss., Jan. 5, 1897.

Methodist District Conference.

SEASHORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Pearl-rington at Pearl-rington.....	Jan. 9, 10
Biloxi station.....	16, 17
Columbia at Columbia.....	23, 24
Whittington at St. John's.....	30, 31
Escatawpa at Orange Grove.....	Feb. 6, 7
Moss Point station.....	13, 14
Bay St. Louis at Bay St. Louis.....	20, 21

Port of Pascagoula



OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR
Scranton, Miss., Jan. 4, 1897.
Report for week ending Dec. 31, 1896.
ENTERED:

Dec. 24. Am. Sch. Santa, 236 tons, Phila. Tampa, Fla.
Dec. 29. Am. Sch. Samuel W. Hall, 236 tons, from Colon.
Dec. 30. Am. Sch. Henry R. Storer, 238 tons, from Kingston.
CLEARED:
Dec. 25. Nor. Bk. Samuel, 825 tons for 1 by Christian Craft Lumber Co. W. 414 feet sawn timber, value \$100 cubic feet logs, value \$2,052.
(For week ending Jan. 7.)
ENTERED:

Jan. 2. Am. Sch. Henry H. Chaney, 235 tons, from San Juan.
Jan. 4. Brit. Brig. Estella, 235 tons, from Havana.
CLEARED:

Dec. 30. Am. Sch. Nat. M. Dantzier, 1 for Vera Cruz, by L. N. L. Lumber Co. 173,120 feet of value \$1,601.
Jan. 2. Am. Sch. B. Frank Neally, 2 for Havana, by Farnsworth & Co. 239,651 feet lumber; value \$1,601.
Jan. 3. Am. Sch. Henry R. Storer, 238 tons, from Kingston, by L. N. Dantzier Lumber Co. 234,651 feet lumber; value \$1,601.

**NOTICE TO
Contractors and Builders**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Scranton State Bank will receive bids for the construction of a bank building according to the plans and specifications at the bank. All bids must be delivered to the Cashier, on or before

Tuesday, January 12, 1897
at 12 o'clock noon. The Directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
Q. RANDALL, Pres.
December 25, 1896.

Non-Resident Notice

The State of Mississippi.
W. P. RAMSAY, Assignee.

VS.
J. A. BROADBENT, et al.

To August Craft, Stauffer Eschen Seidel Furniture Manufacturing, Hams, Richards & Co., Landauer Joseph Cohn & Sons, Marks, We Joseph Bowling & Co., H. L. Leate Doyle & Co., Joe Swartz, Louisa Red Co., Topino, Seidenback & La Lyons & Co., Wm. S. Fossier, Cha & Co., Joe Mangold & Co., Alaba facturing Co., English Manufact Brown Manufacturing Co., Hayling Co., Chas. Feahney, Vermont Manufacturing Co.

You are commanded to appear next term of the chancery court, county of Mississippi, on

The 2d Monday in February
to defend the petition in said court Ramsay, assignee of J. A. Broadbent, You are defendants.
Witness my hand this, the 15th cember, 1897.

F. H. LEV
December 18, 1896.

JOHN C. SC

Of Mobile, Ala., tunes and
PIANOS AND ORCA
and will attend to all work that k to him in a neat and womanlike man himself in readiness to fill orders.

McRae Cemetery

The **McRae Cemetery** is located in Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi off of Graveline Road, between Sandalwood and Sound View Drive and is designated as a historical cemetery. Original tombstone inscriptions were transcribed by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Krebs in 1966. Updated by the research of Betty Clark Rogers in 1992. Slaves owned by the McRae family, unknown names, are buried near this sight.

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Kent, Augustus G., Sep 11, 1831 - Jan 28, 1852

Son of F. A. & H. E. Kent

Sutton, Eliza Ann, died Oct 16, 1833, 1 yr, 3 mo 23 da

Dau of William C. & Mary Sutton

Sutton, Wm Thomas, died Sep 13, 1831, 16 mo, 29 da

Son of William Anidel Sutton

McRae, John, died Mar 14, 1835, *age 57 yrs & 1 mo*

"This monument is dedicated to the Memory of John McRae by his family"

McRae, Daniel Walter,

Son of John and Elizabeth McRae, 1834 - 1836

McRae, Malcolm J., Feb 6, 1811, died 1865,

Unmarked, buried here per obit

McRae, James B., May 13, 1830, died Dec 1896, *obit*

unmarked, Lt. Col. Confederate Army of the South.

Ladnier, Sarah (*Salley*) *Windham* (Family Records)

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Cemeteries of Jackson County, Mississippi

Last person buried in the cemetery

Carter, John, 1834 - 1903
Carter, Ellen Roberts, Jun 6, 1842 - Oct 1914
Roberts, James, Mar 29, 1806 - Feb 18, 1883
Roberts, Marion Mary Ann/Polly Goff
 Jan 17, 1812 - Jan 22, 1880
Nobles, Lorenzo Downen, born 1831 d ca 1910
Father of J.E. Nobles, Confederate Veteran
Nobles, Izy, born 1898
Goff, infant son of Eldridge & Louisiana Goff
Carter, Fannie Cassandra Goff, 1856 - 1903
Cochran, Burrissa Jane Tucker,
 May 24, 1848-Apr 20, 1903
Williams, Annie M., Dec 1, 1891 - Dec 21, 1891
Dau of C. T. & H. A. Williams
Roberts, Daisy, Dec 9, 1891 - Mar 16, 1892
Carter, Clyde, Sep 3, 1899-Sep 18, 1899
Dau of M. L. & M. A. Carter
Long, Sarah, died age 28
Unmarked graves identified by Lauren Ware in 1972
Taylor, Almyra Roberts no dates
Taylor, Edwin, no dates
Carter, Jim, no dates
Barnes, Civil Goff, unmarked, born 1837, died ca 1910
Barnes, infant son of David & Isabell Nobles Barnes

There are indications of several other graves.

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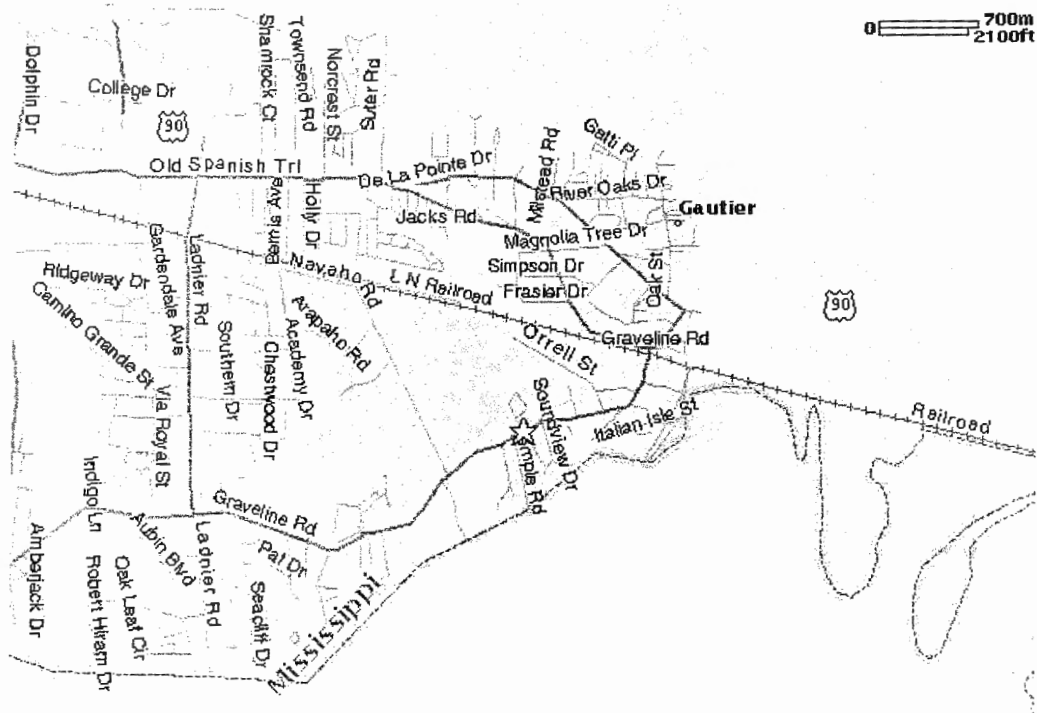
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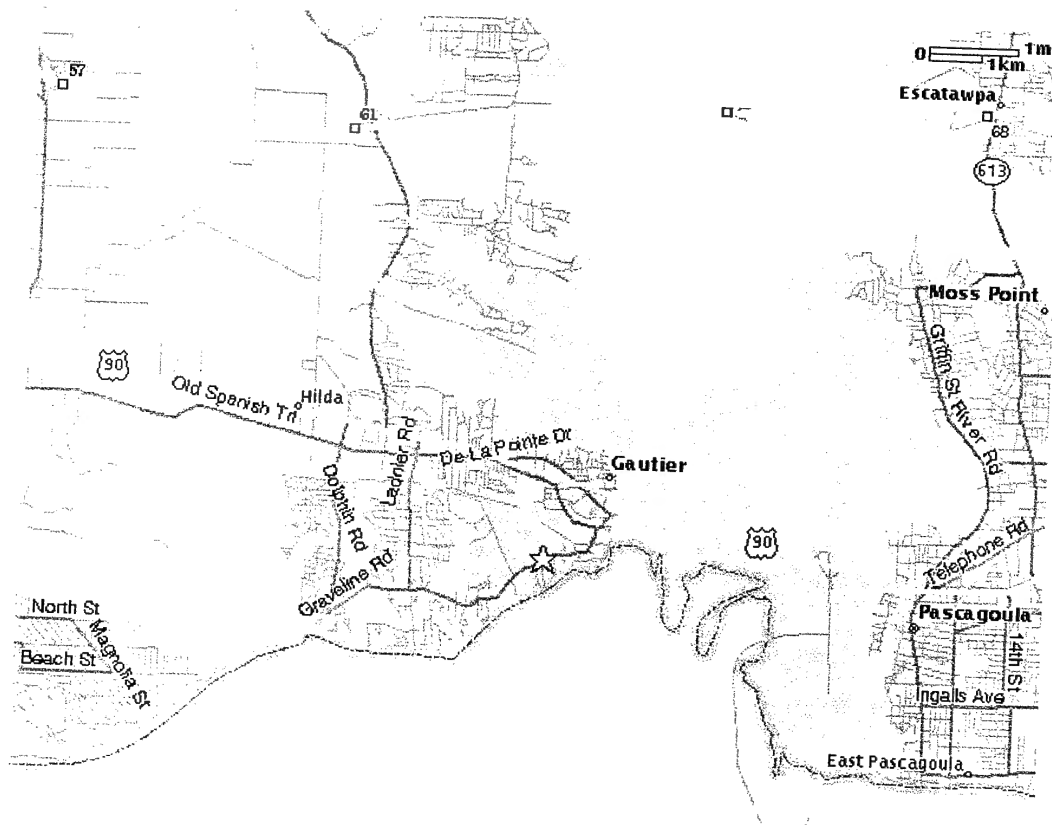
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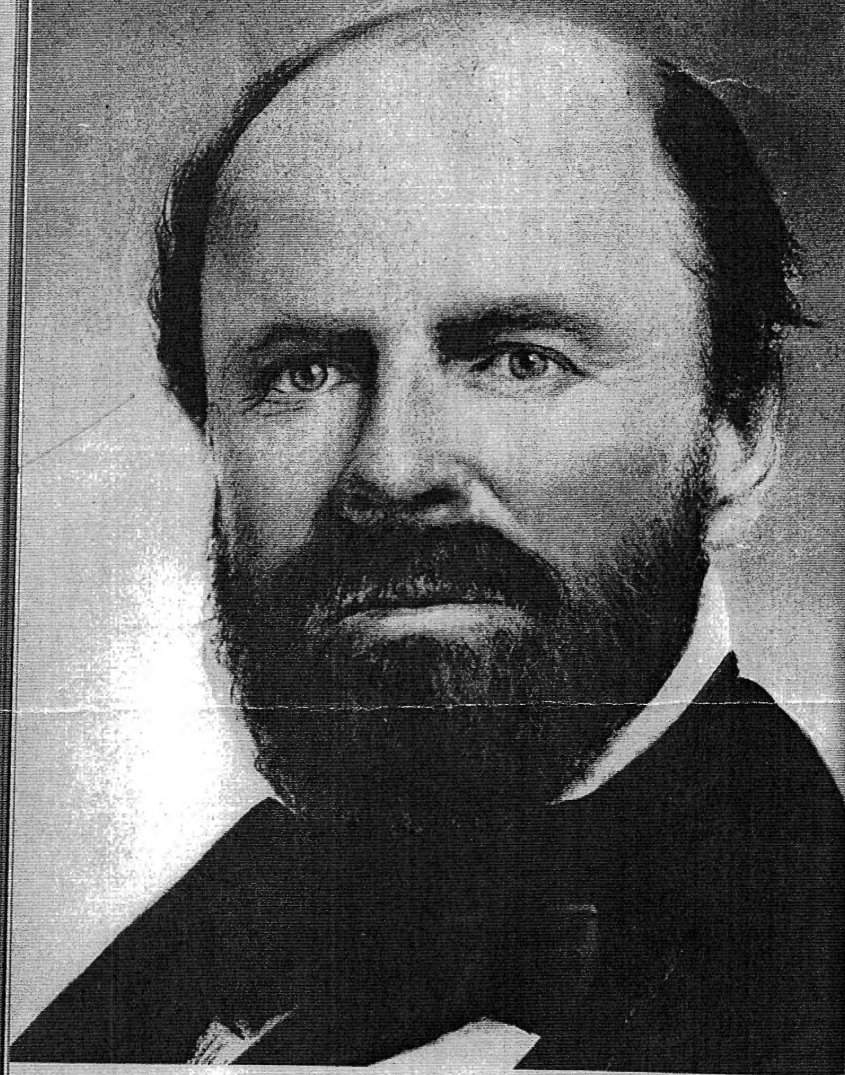
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Colin John McRae

(From an original portrait owned by Mrs. C. M. Scarborough,
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Gertrude McRae McCollister was the center of attention during her 100th birthday party Sunday.



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Gertie McCollister was the center of attention during her 100th birthday party Sunday.



Friends from far and near helped make the celebration a success!



Steve Little led the crowd in singing Miss Gertie's favorite song, 'Beautiful Isle of Somewhere'.





*'Miss Gertie
ousine!*

*Pat Latham crowned Miss Gertie and proclaimed her
'Queen for the day'!*



*Ray Rogers, nephew of the birthday
thanked everyone for their efforts
in honoring 'Aunt Gertie'!*



*'Miss Durie' Dyess proved to be stiff
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Dr. Ray Rogers, nephew of the birthday girl, thanked everyone for their efforts in honoring 'Aunt Gertie'!



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On 100th birthday

Sunday proclaimed as 'Ger



Bro. Paul Phillips, Miss Gertie's pastor, offered prayer on the special occasion.



Glen Dickerson gave the McRae lineage, detailing Miss Gertie's family tree.



Gertrude McRae McCollister, center of attention during 100th birthday party Sunday.

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McRae Cemetery organization raising funds for restoration

By GAYLON PARKER
The Mississippi Press

GAUTIER — Fund raising continues for the restoration of McRae's Cemetery, and the Gautier Historic Preservation Commission has organized events throughout the year to help raise money for the purchase and cleanup of the land.

The cemetery is located in the Sandalwood subdivision on Graveline Road and is identified with a historical marker.

The city of Gautier has agreed to accept ownership of the property, and the Historic Preservation Commission is raising the \$8,500 to buy it and the necessary thoroughfare, Gautier Historical Preservation Commission chairman Jack Womack said.

Some of the land is owned by Pascagoula Realtor Gary Smith.

"It's about half the price of what the market would be," Smith said. "I felt like it would be a good thing for the community to have the cemetery in there."

Womack said he appreciated Smith's price for the land.

"That's below the tax appraisal," Womack said. "We've got a little over \$4,000 raised already."

Much of that money has been raised by McRae descendants, Womack added.

About \$2,200 is needed to buy the land.

The cemetery restoration is going to take time and support and the Historic Preservation Commission has enlisted the aid of some high-tech organizations.

Bonnie Gums, the archeology lab supervisor at the University of South Alabama, surveyed the site this summer and made recommendations on the best way to proceed with the project. She said ground remote sensing techniques can be used to find the individual grave sites at the cemetery.

"I just gave them some suggestions on how to clean the site up in hopes that they didn't disturb anything that shouldn't be disturbed,"

Gums said. "They're going to do some remote sensing ... that's the way to identify unmarked graves."

Gums said one advantage is that the site is very small, which means less area to search. She advised the Gautier Historic Preservation Commission on how to prepare the location for the sensing equipment.

Dr. Greg Waselkov, the director for the center of archeology at USA, agreed to assist with technical support for the restoration project, Womack said.

Jay Johnson, the professor of anthropology and director for the center of archeological research at Ole Miss, said the university will provide the remote sensing equipment to help locate the sites beneath the ground. Among the devices that will be used, Johnson said, will be a gradiometer — which measures differences in the earth's magnetic field. Other equipment will include ground penetrating radar and a resistance meter.

"Modern cemeteries are, in fact, some of the most difficult remote sensing we do, because an early 20th century grave without a crypt doesn't leave much in the way of a signature so it doesn't show up in the instruments," Johnson said. "But Jack says he thinks this one is in a brick vault and if it is, we'll see it."

Womack said there are not many obvious grave sites.

"In fact, the only ones that are marked are three in one yard and there are two vaults in McRae Cemetery," Womack said.

There is a great deal of history behind the cemetery.

The land was bought in 1825 by John McRae, an early Gautier citizen, who bought about 1,000 acres for the cemetery. McRae had a number of famous sons, among them a governor and senator, John J. McRae, and a representative and civil war hero, James B. McRae.

Colin J. McRae, who served in the Confederate government as a financial officer, is buried at the



William Colgin/The Mississippi Press

Grave sites lie broken and unkempt in the McRae Cemetery off Graveline and Soundview in Gautier.

cemetery with James B. McRae, but John J. McRae is buried in Belize.

Fund-raising efforts are ongoing to provide for the restoration.

The Historic Preservation Commission will host a "Tales from the Crypt" event on the evening of Nov. 6, which will highlight the lives and times of about six of the cemetery's various occupants. Donations

will be accepted at that event to assist with the project.

Actors will dress in period costumes and relate stories from John Elizabeth and James McRae, among others.

"We've got all these historical facts and we're going to be telling it as if we're the person coming back as a ghost," commission member Cindy Harper said. "We're going

to lead the people through the graveyard to these six different spots to hear these people's stories."

The Historic Preservation Commission also had a booth at the Senior Citizens Center at City Park on July 4.

Tombstones at the cemetery date to 1831, but the last burial there was James McRae's in 1896.

"We want people to be aware that cemetery is there," Harper said. "It's been neglected, it's been hidden and we want them to realize this is part of Gautier history and that we contributed a governor."

Those wishing to donate a tax-deductible contribution may write a check to the city of Gautier for the McRae Cemetery Fund. They can be mailed either to Jack Womack at 320 Wind Drift Lane, Gautier 39553, or to Gautier City Hall at 3330 U.S. 90 to the attention of the

city clerk.

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New headstone revealed at historic McRae Cemetery

By GAYLON PARKER
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GAUTIER — McRae Cemetery's restoration is fully under way.

The Gautier Historical Preservation Committee, with the assistance of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, dedicated a new headstone at the grave site of Lt. Col. James B. McRae Saturday in front of about 40 people. The new headstone, which was provided by the Veterans Administration, is the current centerpiece of the cemetery and is the first of many future improvements.

"We're going to develop this thing," said Gautier Historical Preservation Society Chairman Jack Womack. "It's going to be one step at a time."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Sam Davis Camp 596, of Biloxi, provided the color guard and marked the event with a musket salute. Recent past commander Robert "Mac" McLaurin said the dedication is necessary to remind people of the sacrifice veterans and others gave for their countries.

"We work hard to make sure the men and women of that period are never ever forgotten," McLaurin said. "That's why we have a headstone to unveil."

McRae family members attended the ceremony.

"I'm quite interested in this program and bringing to light what the McRaes

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Gaylon Parker/The Mississippi Press

From left, Carolyn (Shepard) St. John, Louis Shepard, Charlie Shepard and Mary-Kate (Shepard) Cook unveil a new headstone at the grave site of Lt. Col. (CSA) James B. McRae at the McRae Cemetery in Gautier. James B. McRae is a great-granduncle of the four siblings who served in the Confederacy in the Civil War.

Cemetery

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did down here," said Louis Shepard, a great-grand-nephew of McRae. "I knew a lot of the history, but I've learned more since more research has been done."

"I didn't know very much about James McRae because nobody seemed to talk about him very much."

Womack appreciates the family's efforts on behalf of the cemetery.

"I want to thank the McRae family for their financial contributions," Womack said. "Not only the family, but friends. We've got checks from all over the country if you believe it."

April is Confederate Heritage Month and the Sam Davis Camp recently dedicated the refurbished grave of Gen. Joseph Davis at the old Biloxi Cemetery on U.S. 90.

"There are two kinds of headstones you can get from the Veterans Administration: one's rounded and one looks like a rooftop," said McLaurin, a Gautier resident. "We always get the pointed ones for Confederate veterans because that keeps the Yankee tourists from sitting and resting on them."

Union veteran headstones are commonly rounded at the top, McLaurin said.

McRae survived the war after helping organize the Long Oak Rifles and serving in the 3rd Mississippi Division in the Army of Tennessee.

He also served as a state legislator.

Various members of McRae's family are buried in the cemetery and the GHPC has plans to eventually install a wrought-iron fence around the area, among other improvements.

Long-range plans include refurbishing the existing

tombs and acquiring the remains of former Mississippi Gov. John J. McRae and Collin McRae, who both died in Belize after the Civil War, so they can be buried in the cemetery. Collin McRae served as the financial attaché in Europe for the Confederacy.

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Carter, Ellen *Roberts*, Jun 6, 1842 - Oct 1914
Roberts, James, Mar 29, 1806 - Feb 18, 1883
Roberts, Marion *Mary Ann/Polly Goff*
 Jan 17, 1812 - Jan 22, 1880
Nobles, Lorenzo Downen, born 1831 d ca 1910
Father of J.E. Nobles, Confederate Veteran
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Goff, infant son of *Eldridge & Louisiana Goff*
Carter, Fannie Cassandra *Goff*, 1856 - 1903
Cochran, Burrissa Jane *Tucker*,
 May 24, 1848-Apr 20, 1903
Williams, Annie M., Dec 1, 1891 - Dec 21, 1891
Dau of C. T. & H. A. Williams
Roberts, Daisy, Dec 9, 1891 - Mar 16, 1892
Carter, Clyde, Sep 3, 1899-Sep 18, 1899
Dau of M. L. & M. A. Carter
Long, Sarah, died age 28
Unmarked graves identified by Lauren Ware in 1972
Taylor, Almyra *Roberts* no dates
Taylor, Edwin, no dates
Carter, Jim, no dates
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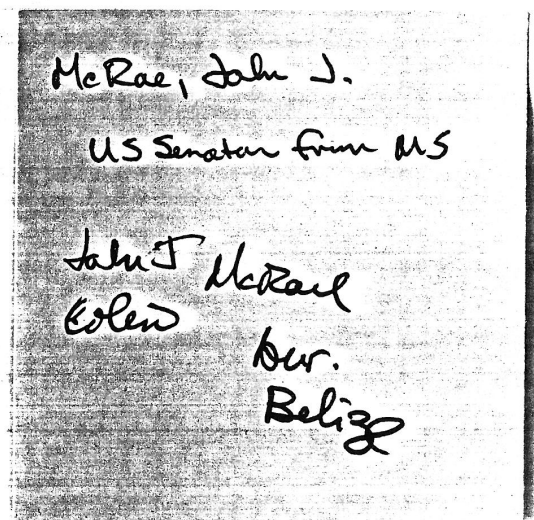
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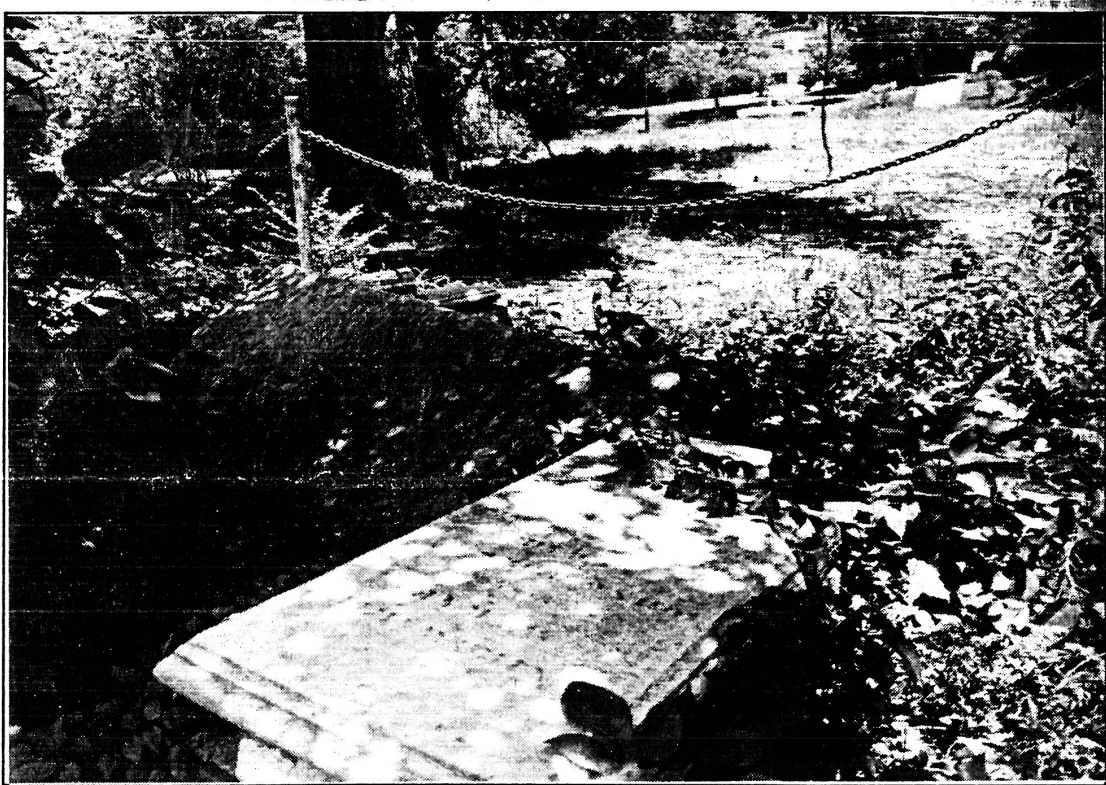
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Hallow ground

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